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The New Revised Standard Version is an ecumenical translation of the Bible, produced with the involvement of Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant and Jewish scholars. Launched in 1989, it is also one of the most accurate and authoritative translations of the Bible available.

Cambridge's NRSV Reference Edition includes the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical books. It also offers the comprehensive cross-references that serious readers require, a full glossary, and fifteen maps. The Bible pages have gilt edges and are bound in handsome French Morocco leather with two ribbon markers and a presentation page.

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Daniel says

It took me about nine months of solid reading (3-4 chapters per day) to work my way through. So glad I did this though. My advice to anyone with a basic understanding of the Bible is to chunk it down by reading Revelation first. If you can get through that, the rest is easier. Next read all of the New Testament and then go back to read through the Old. That is a workable strategy.

Meryld says

Always wanted to read the Holy Bible cover to cover, and now I will over the next 34 weeks through Disciple sessions beginning Sep 2010. My good friend asked today, "What's 34 weeks of your time on earth if eternity in Heaven is your reward?" Nodded my head and replied, "That's kind of how I see it." Don't want this left on my bucket list. ;~)

New entry - Well finished the Disciple class in May, and read the Bible essentially cover to cover (not every verse of course). However I still need to read the book of Revelation, and I'm probably half way through it. The group may go on meeting in some manner to continue our journey together. The experience has strengthened my faith as a Christian and helped me understand what I need to do to be a Disciple in my daily living.

Carol A says

Learn just how much the patriarchal Christian authorities of the past censored based on archaic creeds and/or chauvinism.

Monica says

While I was in BVS, I thought it would be nice to start each of my work days by reading a Psalm. That was back in 2006. Once I'd finished the Psalms, I just continued to read the rest of the bible, alternating between New Testament and Hebrew Bible Books. This continued through my time as a volunteer, as a student at Bethany, and now as staff at Bethany. This morning I've finished reading all of the NRSV version of the Bible by reading the final chapter of Nehemiah. It is a process I expect to replicate more than once in my life, but for now, I'm confident that I've read all of the Bible through, and it was a great practice to start my work days with.

Lauren Johnson says

The Bible is quite possibly the best book (or rather books) that I could have read over a semester. I have had to read bits and pieces here or there for confirmation class, but this is the first time I have actually read the whole thing, cover to cover. Everyone has their own method, but the method that I used gave me the most out of the experience and made me enjoy reading so it didn't feel like a chore. I used the three track plan detailed in the beginning of this Bible, but modified it so I read the books in a mix order to avoid getting bored.

The Bible is the best book I have read in terms of variety of content, a wide depth of themes and characters, and prompting the reader to question their morals. From the beautiful poems of Psalms, to the dark regulations of Leviticus, the reader can explore different contexts for each book to explore based on the author, time, and place where it was written. I loved reading the Bible as a whole, in context, and I think it is a necessary rite of passage for all Christians to read this holy book.

Christina Vest wright says

I love this digital edition of the Catholic Bible. I bought it because it was the translation used in the Bible Study that I was facilitating. It's easy to navigate (perfect for Bible Study) and I can highlight and enter notes. Having by 'Bible' right there on my phone is perfect!

Seth says

The fact that 80% of Americans believe this book sets the standard for their core spiritual beliefs frightens me.

For those that wish to control people though, this book is perfect: you can find a verse that will justify anything you wish.

One more thing: My bible has the words of Jesus in red. I found it interesting that when Paul was wandering around converting people he started hearing Jesus' voice in his head. Those words were printed in red! Does that mean the crazy guy on the corner who says he talks to Jesus should have his own version of the Bible too? Not to mention what Paul was saying to the Romans was nothing even close to what Jesus said (when he was alive). And that was the foundation for the Roman Catholic church!

I only recommend reading this book on the condition that Holy Blood, Holy Grail be read along with it.

Jesse Graham says

pretty good read in the beginning, gets slow for the middle 2000 pages, then gets good again, then has the craziest ending I've ever read

Christopher says

It seems that all the reviews for this bible are soap box oriented: either digs at the bible in general, or, someone dislikes the version so they are touting about the virtues of the 1611 King James version, etc. This review, however, is based solely upon my observations of the book itself. As such, it will be short, simple, and to the point.

I purchased my copy at a used bookstore. As such, I did not get a dust cover (I hate them anyways) with it, but I did get a bible that had obviously never been used. Many of the pages were still stuck together. I paid only \$3 for it, but seeing it and having used it now for 8 months, I happily pay the \$22 dollars that Amazon is asking for it now.

This bible is of normal Oxford quality. The pages are reasonably thick, binding is excellent. It is a pretty blue color with gold lettering on the outside, and there is some engraving on the spine (looks like a flame coming off a page) which is a very nice added touch, cosmetically. Print is a very comfortable text size for reading. The maps are more than adequate for a bible at this price.

I was really surprised to see that the Apocrypha was included, especially given its overall dimensions. This is probably the most important feature to me. The bible is small enough to make it feasible to take to church, etc, and with the Apocrypha included, it is very useful.

As I said, I would gladly pay allot more for this bible than what I did. I take it to Sunday school and church, use it mostly in my daily reading and devotion, and also use it along with my bible software when doing comprehensive bible study. This latter application is probably its only weakness, but of course, it is not marketed as a study bible. The footnote system in the NRSV, however, is excellent.

I would highly recommend this to anyone looking for a reasonably sized bible w/Apocrypha, who also wants to have a bible to take with them on the go. If you don't want to spend the money for a leather bound bible, this is a hard bound bible that is cosmetically pleasing and will be useful for many years to come. I've checked, but it does not appear that this volume comes in any other format. It would be great if you could this in a leather bound version.

Adam McPhee says

Haven't read this entirely cover-to-cover, but have read probably more than I haven't. Old Testament is great, btw. I really liked the group of books wiki calls the former prophets, Joshua and Judges in particular. Weird,

brutal myths. And of course Genesis, Exodus, Job and Ecclesiastes.

I have trouble reading the New Testament though. It puts me to sleep, I guess because it reminds me of going to church as a kid or whatever. Though I feel familiar with it for the same reason, I guess. Book of Revelation is way overrated btw. Ergot poisoning doesn't get interesting until Joan of Arc's time.

Also I seem to recall that the NRSV has nice thin pages which are useful in the rolling of joints.

Leonard says

A easy to read and somewhat easy to understand version. A great improvement of the King James Version. I read it cover to cover over a six month period and picked up a lot of information. It would be a good tool for any bible study session.

K.MOHAN RAO says

... It gives new life to a human being and teaches why i am in this world. And if so, what is the cause.

HOLY BIBLE gives every solution for any puzzles in life.

Gives numerous solutions in what manner should i behave in this world ,whether i am alone or not it doesn't matter ,

And opposes the formality of short span of life.

And tells , everything demolishes even the world before JOY, TRUTH AND LOVE which comes by HOPE.

Bcz, human is superior of any other species thats why it matters a lot what we are doing.

Ken says

I mean it's the bible. Sooo not giving it a bad review.

C.B. Edgar says

A review of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Olive Tree Edition.

The NRSV is the Christian Bible commonly used for readings during services in the Episcopal Church, and many other churches. I am a great lover of the Bible and have read multiple translations multiple times and studied the text in detail. The NRSV is among the several translations that I regularly read and study, because it is highly respected among those with whom I interact, and because it is used during worship in my church.

For reading and study, I use Olive Tree Bible Study, an app that runs on various computers, phones, and

tablets. I like to read Bibles, including the NRSV, on this app because it is very easy to skip around in the text, search the text, look up notes and commentary from various sources, and switch between Bible translations.

The NRSV is a very accurate translation, incorporating what scholars have learned about the original Greek and Hebrew texts during the last century or so. There are many thousands of additional manuscripts available now, as well as sophisticated ways to study and compare the ancient documents, that were not available, for example in King James' day, or even a hundred years ago.

The NRSV is quite literal, translating the original languages word by word, preserving the order of words and meanings as much as possible. Other translations may try to better convey the thoughts and meanings without preserving individual word meaning and order as closely, or they may try to make the ideas easier to understand to modern readers. They may strive for readability and style, while still conveying accurate word and sentence meanings. The NRSV, like many other translations, tries to do all these things. It focuses on word by word accuracy. At least that is what I am taught.

The NRSV is not my favorite translation, but it is a very important translation to me. It is accurate, respected, modern, and ubiquitous. I find the flow a little bit clunky and the meanings a little bit harder to glean. I am under-awed by both the poetry and clarity of the text. But I am exaggerating the faults of the NRSV only to explain my very minor disaffection with the translation and the style of writing. Even if it is not my favorite translation, it is still a wonderful, accurate, clear, modern English Bible.

All Bible translations have their faults and there is no perfect translation. The NRSV is one of only a few that I consider best. Others include the New International Version (NIV), especially the 1984 edition, and the New English Translation (NET). I like the clarity and readability of the NIV, and its near word for word accuracy. There are a number of excellent study Bibles and commentaries for the NIV. The NET Bible is also clear and readable and includes excellent translation notes. The limited notes version is great; the full notes version is even better.

When talking about English Bible translations, the King James Version deserves mention. As one of the oldest, most widespread, and venerated of Bibles, the KJV is remarkably accurate considering when it was written. The poetry is exceptional. But Shakespearian English is not easy to read, and our knowledge of the both the text and the culture from which the text emerged has improved over the last almost 400 years. The King James Bible is respected and beautiful, but for every day usage, a modern Bible like the NRSV is a better choice.

I give the New Revised Standard Version, Olive Tree edition, four stars: I like it a lot. Both the NSRV text, and the Olive Tree reader are excellent.

Stephen Richards says

This book has a big problem. Being a Christian, I care about the word of God. There's a scripture, however, in this book that makes no sense to me. This book says that "sodomites" are bad, so bad that they won't even go to Heaven. Are they really that bad? What is a "sodomite," anyway? My dictionary doesn't list "sodomite" at all. It has "sodomy" and "sodomize" in it but no "sodomite" anywhere. If it did, it would be right there with "sodomy" and "sodomize."

My dictionary says that "sodomy" is when people make love to each other, either gay or straight, with their own mouths and/or rears. Is there anything really wrong with it? It does not say anything about that kind of "sexual intercourse" being illegal or immoral. If there is nothing wrong with "sodomy," then, what is wrong with being a "sodomite," meaning, I presume, a person who "sodomizes?" Then again, it does not say that there is anything wrong with stealing, either.

I know that stealing is bad. That's easy to figure out. The police put you in jail for that. They don't, however, do anything to you for making love to someone with your own mouth and/or rear. Why would they, anyway? How would making love, in any way, shape, or form, ever be the same as making hate? Yet, does God, in effect, not really approve of that kind of sex, anyway?

I am still single, but if I were married, I would be married to a man, not a woman. Why, then, am I not really married? So far, God has not approved of an actual marriage for me. Why hasn't He? How does God know what I would do with a man, anyway, if one isn't right here with me in the first place? If God already knows what I would do with a man, then He has already created me to be that way and knows it, too. Yet, if He created me to be gay, does He think that He has made a big mistake, trying to cover it up all the time, making me hide behind a little box typing notes for a little piece of white space on a cold screen? Does He care at all about what I just now wrote? If God ever marries me to a man, then I will know that He was just waiting for the right time for that. If He never does, then I will wonder what might have been wrong with Him my whole life, but only on my final day of life, on my death bed.

It might take ten million dollars to bring my own fiancé from India to America. Why in the world would God care that much about me, anyway, so much so that He would actually give me that much money outright, if he hasn't done that for me already in the first place? Yet, if He cares about me at all, then maybe He just needs me to merely survive in this world, not really thrive, with abundance. Is there really such a thing as gay abundance, anyway? In this book, "abundance" means lots of offspring, I think. Whether or not I ever make love my own gay way might not matter to God, since offspring won't develop from any of that kind of activity, not directly, anyway, but if it actually makes more straight people in the world make more love overall, maybe God does not see that truth well enough to give all of His children the chance to make love. How cruel that is to those of us still alone.

Oh...wait a minute...the webpage, <http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/D...>, says that "sodomites" are really male prostitutes, or "hustlers," but "hustler" isn't in my dictionary. Can someone please modernize this book and the dictionary, too, to clarify the sinfulness of sodomy as only when it involves prostitution, not when it's in the course of marriage, even between two men?

Yet, does God really know the difference between a married gay man and a sodomite? If he didn't, then how would He be giving us all gay marriages? What, in God's mind, then, determines the difference between a married gay man and a sodomite? Perhaps God cares about whether a gay man is promiscuous or monogamous. If so, why is monogamous sodomy righteous, whereas promiscuous sodomy is sinful?

If God is love, though, then He knows what is best for me. Maybe I'm just a big baby wanting what I'm not allowed to have in the first place, but not necessarily. Maybe I'm just not trying hard enough. Read this again, then. While you're at it, give me ten million dollars, if, that is, you're not afraid of defying the word of God and risking going to hell for marrying me off to, perhaps in God's mind, another "sodomite." Nevertheless, if you're brave enough, you can still donate to my own cause at a nifty little website that lets anyone start a campaign for free. Go to my webpage, gofundme.com/gaymarriages, and click "donate." You'll never know what God believes until you try.

How can God really hate sodomy if business doesn't hate that kind of sex at all? I've seen plenty of pictures on the Internet of underwear made just for sodomy. For instance, some men's bikinis are completely open in the front. You don't even have to pull down the front to stick out your prowess. Other men's bikinis, called straps, open up the backside, completely, not even with just a string running up through the middle, instead, hugging both cheeks on the sides, leaving the middle apart completely alone. Revealing, you don't really have to wear underwear over your own straps, if you're brave enough, that is, in your own jeans, hugging them, too.

I like thongs because they don't slip, but you have to tug the string in the back, to take them off, for anything. They don't really prove anything about sodomy, either. For some reason, thongs, swim, that is, are completely legal apparel all by themselves in public, yet, that little string in the back isn't much of a cover up. I would be too embarrassed to wear a thong in public. If I were thin and tight, then, that would be different, but my belly hangs over the top.

God allows sodomy if you look good. If you're fat, though, you can't even walk around in your own underwear in your own home without hearing people hating you for it, even when you're the only one at home. Fat men might turn off the women, making them breed less. I think that my own fiancé might love me no matter what, fat or not, but, as of yet, that man I love is still in India, and even ten million dollars might not bring him to me.
