

MY OPINION ABOUT OUR CRITICS

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Many have asked me, why don't you respond to your critics?

1. Our critics have a right to express their opinions.

“The clash of ideas is the sound of liberty” I may be 100% in disagreement with all they say or write; yet I would give my life to defend the right they have to express their ideas and their opposition to our work. Even if they exceed the lines of decorum, it is far better to let them speak up, than to try to silence them. I am a firm believer in the freedom of speech.

2. Our critics have been a great blessing.

Criticism has forced us to seek perfection. The stronger the criticism, the more it requires of us to do a better job. Criticism is very healthy; it points to our mistakes (which have been many). By the grace of God we have been man enough to admit our mistakes and correct them. Often our critics have contributed more than the ones that applaud our work. I recommend for you to read what they have to say, you may learn something.

3. Our critics have been our best promoters.

Many have found out about our Bible by reading the articles that have been posted against us. A very famous evangelist once said: “Bad promotion is better than no promotion” Men of God that have collaborated in this revision did not know about our Revision until they read the criticism posted in the web pages via Internet.

4. Our critics are our brothers in Christ

Some of the ones that criticize us are our brothers in Christ. Some of them are men of God that are better than us, and have a great Christian heritage. We commit sin if we loosely speak evil against them. Some have a wife, children, a mom and a dad, churches and great ministries; we do not have a right to question their character or their motives, just because they disagree with us. Let them alone! *Lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.*

5. Our critics have their fears and reservations, some of them are justified.

Many have the fear that a “New Bible” will be the cause of division amongst our brethren, and there may be some validity to that claim; I think that's a valid point and the possibility of that happening is there. But, we can not turn our back to the Truth either. “*Buy the truth, and sell it not;*” We stand for a Bible

free of Critical Text, that calls Heaven, Heaven, and Hell, Hell. We want unity, but not at the expense of Truth. If truth divides, so be it! **“We will not sacrifice the truth on the altar of unity”**

Make no mistake about it. We will fight and take a stand for the truth, even unto death. But remember... *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”* 2Co 10:3-5

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