

Dear Bro. Schaap,

I received your letter, but unfortunately you chose to ignore my letter and just attack my character. When I wrote you, I asked you some specific questions that you did not answer or even acknowledge. I wondered why. After reading your letter, I realized that your letter was written to me, but not for me. You wrote that letter to be able to show others how “proud and arrogant” I am in hope that no one will listen to anything I have to say. I told you in my letter that if you didn’t answer my questions, I would let every preacher I could find know that you were tearing down the integrity of Bro. Hyles and trying to hurt his family. Instead of ceasing from that, you would rather try to attack my character. I realize that is how you operate. Instead of answering the questions about the Greek manuscripts and the Greek Lexicons from Gail Riplinger, you just attack her and hope people don’t read her book. That is exactly what Bill Clinton did when he was accused and what all the liberals do: engage in character assassination so their accusers will not be believable. That is not going to work. I believe God’s people care more about truth than your opinion of someone’s character.

I will not spend much of my time defending myself and will let others do that if they so choose, but I will expose your lies and will continue trying to let people know about the truth of the inspired, preserved, inerrant King James Bible.

I wanted to thank you for the rebuke. It didn’t upset me at all. As soon as I read the letter, I stopped to pray. I asked God if there was anything that I did wrong in those situations you cited and anything I needed to fix. I do believe that our critics are our best friends, because they will tell us things that our friends might not. I sincerely asked God about those situations, because I always want to be right with God. I ask God every day to “search my heart and try me and see if there be any wicked way in me.” Every day, God will show me things I didn’t do right, and things I need to make right. God is always faithful to answer that prayer, and I keep a short account with God. God knows each of those situations a lot better than I do, and went through each of them with me in my heart. God immediately let me know that your accusations were not true, and that not every time someone accuses you of pride is it true. God reminded me of the story of David and Goliath. David’s brother said about David in 1 Sam. 17:28, “I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart...” David wasn’t proud, but had a strong fear of the Lord. The Bible says in Prov 14:26, “In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence...” When a person fears God, he has a confidence which to some may look like pride. David responded when accused of being proud in 1 Sam 17:29, “What have I now done? Is there not a cause?” Concerning the King James Bible, I feel the same way. What have I done? There is a cause! I will defend the KJB and my friends, Dr. Hyles and Mrs. Riplinger.

Your first accusation is from when we were bus captains in college. This is not the first time you have brought that up to others, and obviously it still bothers you. I am sorry that I didn’t recognize your position of “junior administrator” at the time. I thought we were both bus captains working in the “A” bus ministry under the rules set up by Dr. Jack Hyles which you were breaking. I am sure I spoke strongly that day, because I cared about the teenagers in our Bible club and still keep in touch with some of them to this day. (I performed a wedding for one of my Bible club teenagers from East Chicago last year.)

We had specific rules of who we could pick up on our bus and who we could not. You constantly broke those rules and not just with me. During the spring and fall campaigns, you would break the rules trying to win the contest. We had already lost some good teenagers from the last contest because of you, and they wouldn’t go to church or Bible club with anyone after that. People can tell when they are being used. We went to Bro. Owens about the situation many times, and he told us we would obey the rules whether you did or not. I couldn’t understand you operating in the ministry like that, but you showed me what you were way back then. Your drive to make a name for yourself back then showed

your pride and self-centeredness. Apparently, you are still the same.

I didn't come from an independent Baptist background, and I went into the Army to be a paratrooper after high school. In the Army, we had the UCMJ (the Uniform Code of Military Justice). Every person in the military was bound to live up to the same standard. It didn't matter if you were a general or a private, the rules were the same. I was amazed that a "junior administrator" and son-in-law to the pastor would repeatedly go against the rules as if they meant nothing to him. To me, that is the height of pride and arrogance. That pride and arrogance is still there with you to this day. You wrote me a six-page, angry letter a few years ago for calling Bro. Moore and Bro. Sparks to ask about the contract Mrs. Hyles was asked to sign to receive her retirement. I only called them because it was so hard to get you on the phone, and Bro. Sparks was a friend and the CFO, and Bro. Moore's signature was on the contract. In the letter, you ripped me up one side and down the other for interfering with your staff.

Ironically, a few years earlier you counseled a church member and staff member of mine to leave our church and take a job with someone else without counseling with his pastor. It's strange that you don't want anyone contacting your members or staff, but your staff sends letters to so many members of other churches as if they were your own. The pride and arrogance you have had and still have is truly amazing. I have heard from other pastors who said that you went behind their back, counseled their members and staff, and now those members and staff work for you. Again, rules and ethics seem to mean nothing to you. It's as if you somehow see yourself above them.

Concerning the situation with Pastor Chappell, he and I are friends and have no problems to this day. I see him often, and I believe he is doing a wonderful job. God didn't want me to stay in California, but to go and spend some time there to see how that ministry operated. God wanted me to learn from him and then start a church in Tennessee. We both understand that. I was not fired, and Pastor Chappell just told me recently that he never told anyone I was fired. (This is just another example of one of your lies trying to make others look bad.) To be honest, I didn't handle everything with Pastor Chappell as I should have, and I have apologized to him. I do not have a problem apologizing to someone when I have said or done something wrong. He has also apologized to me many times for things he didn't handle the right way. That is the way real Christians act. (By the way, I would love to hear you apologize for the things you have done to me and others.) Pastor Chappell was going through a lot at the time, and it was my first time leaving HAC. I was stronger in some things than I should have been since I was not at HAC anymore, and Bro. Hyles was no longer my pastor. It was a very hard time for me, but God has used that situation in my life so many times. I have a great relationship with Pastor Chappell and I thank God for all I have learned from him.

I will not comment on the situation with some former church members because I love them very much and believe God will have us serve the Lord together again. There is so much more in that story and what you heard is not true. If you knew the whole story, you would have to agree.

If someone truly wants to know about my character, pride or arrogance, they should ask Pastor Jeff Owens (304) 263-3461, whom I worked with for four years and who knows personally about two of the issues whereof you accuse me. If you want to really know about me, ask my assistant pastor, Steve Wipf (931) 797-7220, whom I have worked with for over twenty years and was a part of two of those situations. You could also call the chairman of my deacon board, Gary Holman (931)384-3488, who has worked with me for over seven years and served on the deacon board with the member of our church who left. You don't know me! We have only had a few dealings together, and I have never worked for you.

I quickly learned in college that many people just listen for what they want to hear and don't listen to "search the scriptures." People have to be careful when a speaker is gifted homiletically and has charisma, because it is easy to be deceived by them. I was in my freshman year of college and it was announced a great preacher was coming to the area. He was a former teacher of HAC and had taught

homiletics. He was touted as a great orator. He wasn't speaking at FBC, but at a church in the area. I went and took with me a dorm friend named Mark Bosje, who was a senior.

The preacher that evening preached on, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches," and talked about people receiving a word of knowledge. Many college students were there, and during the invitation, he suggested that, "your word of knowledge might be to write home to your mom." How many college students needed to write home to mom? I am sure most of them needed to. The sermon was a farce. It wasn't a "word of knowledge;" it was verbal suggestion.

During the middle of the sermon, he went on a tirade and said, "Just because you have a big church close to here doesn't mean God is blessing you. The closer you get to the cross, the more people will leave you!" (I wonder who he was talking about?) Then he went on a tirade on Lordship Salvation. He said, "Bless God, if you are still smoking and say you are saved, you didn't get what I got. If you have not made him Lord of all, He is not Lord at all!" I was totally new to issues, preaching and doctrine, but the Holy Spirit inside was saying, "No, no, no!"

I sat in the car and waited for Mark thinking about what I had just heard. When Mark got there, I said to him, "Please tell me that wasn't right."

He said, "Dave, tonight you just heard heresy preached."

When I got back to the dormitory, I was amazed. Many of the guys on the dorm floor were there at the service, and they were talking excitedly about it. I asked them what they thought, and they said they loved it. I asked them about what he said concerning Bro. Hyles, Lordship Salvation, and receiving a word of knowledge, but they didn't hear that part of the sermon. They were all talking about how he jumped over the banister, ran across the pews, ran down the aisle, and preached with such "power." I realized then that most people don't listen to what is said, they are just awed by the delivery.

I am amazed in this battle over the Bible that so many people just don't listen. I heard preachers say that were at the summit that the summit was great, because "Bro. Schaap believes the KJB is inspired." What meeting were they in? I am saddened that so many independent, fundamental Baptists don't listen or search the scriptures when someone preaches. With Bro. Hyles, we could all listen to enjoy, without our guard up and didn't have to watch for heresy coming our way. Hence, I believe many people got lazy and don't really listen to the contradictions you say and how you deceive.

As I was reading your letter, I thought that you were just trying to bend things to make me look bad in any way, but then I got to the place where you talk about our meeting in your office. I read the story in shock and disbelief. I thought you had lost your mind, or you were just making up something to try to make me look bad. That is not the story and you know it!

I was earnestly praying that I would get a chance to talk to you at Pastor's School, and God answered that prayer. I didn't trust you already from the things I had seen you do in college and since you had become the pastor. I thought you might lie about some things to make you look good and to put someone else down. When I read what you put in the letter, I was shocked. How could you lie so much? I would be willing to submit to a lie detector test as to what was said in that office, would you?

You said in the letter that the meeting ended with me having a very elevated tone of speech and you tried to calm me down, and I would not. That was not the situation at all. You even said, and I quote, "Dave, I would like to hear everything you have to say on this subject. As long as we can continue to talk like this in a calm way I would like to talk again."

I was nearly moved to tears when you said, "Dave, why do you have a problem with what I have taught, when no one on my staff has a problem with it?" I told you, "Bro. Schaap, some on your staff do have a problem with it; they are just afraid to talk to you about it for fear you would fire them." I

love the men that work for you and count many of them as friends. They are very sincere and loyal and don't know what to do. Many of them have confided in others and fear for their jobs and fear for the college with your "new doctrine."

Then you say that I am "deliberately ignorant" on the subject. After I went through the four correct ways to define "inspiration," (root word {spir}, compare scripture to scripture {2 Peter 1:21}, Webster's 1828 dictionary {infusion of ideas into the mind by the Holy Spirit of God- 2 Tim. 3}, the Greek {pneuma=translated 322 times spirit, 91 times ghost, as in Holy Ghost, and 1 time life} it was you who sat back, putting your hand on your chin, and said, "Dave, I have not heard all that before." Who is being "deliberately ignorant" on the subject? Surely someone who has read 400-500 books on the subject (as you said at the KJB summit) would have read the things I told you. Maybe you are only reading the people who are attacking our Bible, and not the people who love and believe in this Book.

Since you said I am "deliberately ignorant" on this subject, then I would like to propose that we "reason together" concerning the scriptures. We can do it at my church or yours, at the college or during the 6:00 o'clock hour. Give me half the time to talk about how the KJB is inspired and then you take the other half to explain how it is not. If your people are so well taught and grounded, it should be no problem at all for them to see how "wrong I am." If you are the scholar you claim to be, then you could pick my arguments apart so easily. I am a nobody and have no desire to aspire to men's greatness. I feel like the little David against the big giant of Dr. Jack Schaap, pastor of FBC and chancellor of HAC, but if no one else will do it, I would be glad to go say a word for the Word, the KJB. I might make a fool of myself, but God uses the foolish things to confound the wise. I am sure you would say I am proud to even suggest that I would offer to debate the great Jack Schaap, but I would say, "Is there not a cause?"

I did suggest that people attend the "summit" and try to ask questions. You and your staff have taught and said so many things that have raised questions and have not been answered. The only way to find out what someone really believes is to ask questions and then follow up with more questions to clarify it. Someone skilled in speech can answer a question by taking the argument wherever they want. Politicians do it all the time and never answer the question asked. When we ask if the KJB is perfect, you (by your definition) can say "yes," but what you mean is that the Bible has errors, and is only "complete." When we ask if the KJB is preserved, you can say "yes." But then we find out that you mean the "Bible" is only preserved in the original languages, and we can find them in three British museums. You have said so many things that are twisted, and don't make any sense.

There was so much confusing information that went out about the summit, we didn't know what was going on. First, you decide to hold a "summit" in which the definition is: "a meeting of leaders or heads of state to discuss a certain issue." Then we find out you are just going to teach us what you want us to believe about the KJB. Next, a man on your staff says we can ask questions, but then someone else says they have to be written out before hand. Later, we find out the summit has been cancelled, and it is taken off of both websites. Bro. Vogel's secretary confirms it, Bro. Young's secretary confirms it, and then the next day you "tweet" that someone started a rumor it had been cancelled. How dishonest is that? With all that confusion and arrogance, you are upset at me for saying we should go and raise our hands to ask a question. We have lots of questions and just want them answered. What is disrespectful about driving 8+ hours to a KJB summit and wanting to have our questions answered? Amazing!

In your letter, you mentioned bringing this situation concerning me before the deacons, who are the trustees of the college. I am amazed at the arrogance that shows. I worked for my two degrees from HAC, and paid my tuition faithfully. My diplomas have Dr. Jack Hyles' signature on them, and not yours. To be honest, if your signature was on my diploma, I would have already sent it back. You have lost any respect I ever had for you. If you feel it necessary to bring me before the deacons, then that is

fine. All I request is that you lay out your case about me, and then give me an opportunity to respond to “my accuser.” If they feel like I shouldn’t have diplomas from HAC, then so be it. I believe there are still many good men there, who don’t understand all that you are doing. It would be totally unjust to just tell your side of the story without letting me defend myself.

You say that Bro. Hyles would never agree with what I am doing. You say that I owe Bro. Hyles an apology. You must not have known Bro. Hyles as much as you say you did. Bro. Hyles said over and over what he thought about people who are taking your position.

"Don't come to me with your stinkin' only the originals are inspired. You're not intellectual. You're retarded!" Dr. Jack Hyles, from the sermon, “Get your Stinking Feet out of my Drinking Water.”

If you think what I have said about you is bad, Bro. Hyles called you “retarded.” Bro. Hyles said in chapel that he hopes these buildings burn down before some liberal takes them and changes. He also said in the book, THE NEED FOR AN EVERY WORD BIBLE, *"The biggest split that has ever come will come in the next ten years, if not sooner, over the King James Bible, and it couldn't come soon enough for me. I'm tired of colleges and universities advertising that they use the King James Bible. Tell the whole story! Tell everyone that you do not believe that it is inspired word for word..."*, *"I will not give my loyalty to institutions. I will give my loyalty to principles and support the institutions that embrace those principles...Don't be surprised because I've dropped my loyalty to some institutions...A new generation of young whipper-snappers who didn't fight the war have come on the scene...To me that is like teenagers rebelling against their parents to have their own thinking and not embracing what is handed down to them by somebody else."*

"There's more to the King James Bible issue than a bunch of independent Baptist fundamentalists trying to cause a ruckus."

How dare you say it is I who owes Bro. Hyles an apology! I think it is you who owes Bro. Hyles an apology for changing the church God used him to build and the college he started to a different doctrine than he taught. I think it is you who owes the college an apology for causing many students to not return and many more to never come to the place they dreamed of coming to in order to train for the ministry. I believe it is you who owes FBC an apology for taking the pastorate after agreeing with the “How to Call a Pastor” sermon Bro. Hyles preached, where in point number one he said anyone that candidated had to believe that the KJB was inspired and preserved. In the VOICE newspaper, you conveniently left out the part about the new pastor having to believe the KJB is inspired and said it just had to be preserved. That is dishonest! In just a short time, you have singlehandedly changed the ministry there from the place that trumpeted the KJB, to now a place that questions the KJB. How could that happen?

You obviously wrote this letter to me for two reasons. First, you wrote it to try to show how proud and arrogant I am to try to discredit what I say about you and the KJB. You use yourself, a former boss and a former member to support your supposition. I wonder how many men of God have had personal conversations with you that would say how arrogant and proud you are? Men like Shelton Smith, Bob Gray, Bill Wininger, Kevin Trout, Jeff Fugate, R. B. Ouelette, Missionary Brian Taylor and others have all commented on how arrogant and proud you are. I think God will be the judge of that, and like I have said, what looks like pride could just be a cause. My cause is the King James Bible, and I think your cause is you. I believe you have a cause to totally change the church and the college’s twenty-five-year position of the KJB.

The other reason I believe you wrote this letter is to try to shut me up. A few years ago when you wrote me the six-page angry letter about Mrs. Hyles, I never responded. You might have thought that sending another strong letter telling me how proud and arrogant I am, and, in my opinion, threatening to take away my diplomas, might get me to be quiet about this issue also. Let me explain. The only reason I

involved myself in the other issue was for Mrs. Hyles. When I saw the contract that said she had to sign it to get her retirement and when I read her letter that said she was not for sale and would not sign it, I wanted to make sure she was supported. I called Bro. Moore and Bro. Sparks to see if it were true that she wasn't going to get her retirement. If that were the case, I was going to try to get some preachers together to raise that money. She and her husband did so much for me, and I wanted to make sure she was taken care of. You can lead your church any direction you want and can do anything you please, but so can we. After I received your letter, I called Mrs. Hyles and asked her many questions about it. Because there were many misrepresentations and flat out lies by you, I wrote you back a response. When I was ready to send it, I called Mrs. Hyles and told her about it. She requested that I not send it because she didn't want to cause any more problems. Since the only reason for my involvement was to defend her, and not for my pride or to put you down, and since she didn't want me to do anything, then I quickly backed out and you never heard anything from me. That doesn't sound to me like someone who is proud, arrogant and just wants to fight or cause problems. That sounds like someone who had a cause and was willing to lay it down when the person he was defending requested he not do anything.

That is not the case this time. The issue now is the inspiration of the KJB and being a friend to my friends (Bro. Hyles and Mrs. Riplinger). Those are still issues, and I am going to continue to defend them. To be honest, I have tried to get out of this. You probably won't believe this, but I didn't want to be in this. At first, I wasn't at all. I didn't get involved at all for the first year when you started teaching these things openly. I believe the KJB is inspired, but at the time, you were still saying the KJB was preserved, perfect, etc. I was one of the ones that thought it might be just semantics. I wasn't going to fight someone who believed the King James Bible is perfect, inerrant, and the preserved Word of God, word for word. Then you preached the Bible study on 3/4/09 saying that the English is not preserved and that only the original languages were preserved. I knew then that you were going a totally different direction. I knew that parents and pastors needed to hear that sermon before they sent their kids to HAC to be trained. Therefore, I put it up on a website. I didn't want my son (or someone else's son) to have an argument with his dad like a HAC student did with his dad/home pastor last year saying, "Look, Dad, you are wrong; Bro. Schaap is right. The King James Bible is not inspired!"

I have gone to God at least three times asking Him again what He wants me to do. To be honest, I would rather side with you for convenience sake. I would rather be honored and be liked by everyone there. Two of your staff members and dear friends for twenty years have cancelled meetings we had scheduled in our church. Many people think I am a troublemaker and worse. There are so many lies that are going around about me. Personally, I would rather be loved than hated, but every time I go to God and ask Him what He wants, He always shows specific things from the Bible that confirms he wants me in this fight for the Bible.

Am I trying to destroy you, the church or the college? Not at all! I couldn't do that if I wanted to. Only God and you can do that. I am just trying to be obedient to God in taking a stand for the KJB and for friends. Some people have said it is personal, and I am attacking you. Not true! If you come back around to the correct position of the KJB and apologize to Mrs. Riplinger for the wrong things you have said about her, I will quickly drop the issue. If I am just attacking a person, then I would continue to fight you.

I love HAC, and it hurts me so much to see what is going on. The night before the summit, I stayed in the dorm. God worked it out that I was able to sleep in the very bed that was my home while I was a dorm student (the former Prophets 113). I spent a couple hours walking around the lake and praying. I stopped at the Grange Hall Baptist Church and prayed for a while and at my prayer spot on the other side of the lake where I would go each night I returned from work before I went to my dorm. I prayed in the chapel and all over the campus. I prayed that God would open your eyes to the truth of the KJB

inspiration issue. Even as I prayed that, I felt God telling me that it wouldn't happen. You were too proud and in your arrogance, you wouldn't change. I left the KJB summit feeling like I had been punched in the stomach by you and the other teachers. It hurt so much! So many of us still love the church and college and hate to see it go the way Bro. Hyles knew it would go. We just didn't believe it would happen so soon.

Also, in the letter you basically accused me of lying and not calling the church for you. I will give you the benefit of the doubt: that the phone calls and e-mails were just misplaced. I called Jean McCullum (sp?) three times and asked for you. She recognized me and called me "the guy that talked to Bro. Schaap at Pastor's School." I called her last week and talked to her, and she said she remembered me and remembered me calling. The messages might have been misplaced, but I called. She was always very kind, but seemed frustrated that you had not called me back yet, or told her what to do concerning me. The third time I called her, she gave me your e-mail address and told me to try that. She said you get them personally, and you would get back with me. I sent you an e-mail from my church account and never heard anything, so I tried my home account. Since both times the e-mails didn't come back undeliverable, I assumed you received them. Again, I will give you the benefit of the doubt. I will paste the e-mails in this letter so you can read them and see how "proud and arrogant" I was with you after our meeting at Pastor's School when I supposedly raised my voice at you.

From: David Baker [mailto:pastorbaker@lighthouse-baptist.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 1:15 PM
To: 'preacher@fbchammond.com'
Subject: thank you for the time at Pastor's School

Dear Bro. Schaap,

I appreciate the time you gave me at Pastor's School to talk about the King James issue. We ran out of time then and I was hoping we could talk again. I had talked with your secretary a couple of times and she gave me your e-mail address and told me to contact you this way.

Let me know when we could set up a phone appointment.

Thank you,

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From: David Baker [mailto:bakerbunch@cpws.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 8:16 AM
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Subject: phone apt

Dear Bro. Schaap,

I know you are incredibly busy, but you mentioned at Pastor's School that we could talk again. I have talked to your secretary a few times and she said to e-mail you and try to set up an appointment this way. If you don't want to talk just let me know and I will not waste your time. I would like to talk to you again. This issue is still very important to me and I would love to be able to get it cleared up.

I e-mailed you from my church account, and didn't get a response. You may have sent one as the system loses some of those e-mails. This e-mail address goes to my phone and my house. Forgive me if you already responded and I lost the e-mail.

Please let me know either way.

Respectfully,

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Concerning the missionaries, you said not to take it out on them. I love the missionaries and many of them are some of my best friends. I have been to Africa, Mexico, New Zealand and the Philippines visiting them. Many of them are confused by the things you have said, and some have already transferred to Bro. Mike Cox's mission board where they still believe the KJB is inspired. You are the one who has hurt them. They are away in their adopted country trying to win people to Christ and build a church when their home church and mission board changed. What are they supposed to do? What are we supposed to do? If we continue to support them through FBMI, then a certain percentage of our money we send to them goes to support a mission board and church that doesn't believe the KJB is the inspired, preserved or the inerrant Word of God. That is the same battle that our forefathers fought with the cooperative program of the SBC. Bro. Hyles and others couldn't support it because some of their money was going to people who didn't believe right on doctrine or on the Bible. I love the missionaries and still want to support them. They shouldn't have to suffer because their board changed. I have been waiting until after the summit, still praying that you would change, but you have proven too stubborn to change. I am writing all our missionaries to make sure they still believe the KJB is inspired, preserved and inerrant. If they do, then we still want to support them. However, we will have to find another way to send them money because I am not going to send our faithful people's money to a place that doesn't believe the KJB is inspired, preserved or inerrant. If you will not let the missionaries get money directly without taking out your percentage, then it won't be us that causes hurt to the missionaries, but you. I hope you will do the right thing.

In closing, it is astonishing to see how you have framed this argument by saying that you haven't changed, and you are just teaching the Bible the way you always have, and that all these people are proud and arrogant and against you. You can continue to deceive yourself on that if you want, but a lot of people know that you have started this issue and continue to pursue it. You continue to berate people who believe the KJB is the perfect (without error), inspired, and preserved Word of God, and you call us catholic, cults, charismatic, Mormon, rats in the woodpile, etc. Be honest with yourself and with people...who is the one that is proud and arrogant?

Praying for you,

Dave Baker
Pastor

P.S. By the way, in your letter, you said that Don Mills had driven the bus for you for nearly four decades. Did he start driving for you when you were 11 or is that just another one of your many exaggerations?