

THE RANTINGS & RAVINGS OF A FRUSTRATED CRITIC OF THE REINA-VALERA GÓMEZ BIBLE

A Brief Response to Robert Breaker's Article entitled
THE LIES ABOUT THE MODERN GÓMEZ 2010 SPANISH BIBLE

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Introduction

Pro 26:4 "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him."

Pro 26:5 "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."

The Bible is basically telling us that there is a time to answer fools and a time to ignore them. Usually it is best to just ignore them. If we consistently responded to all the rants of our critics we'd never have time for the ministries God has called us to. With so much to do for the Lord, and so many souls to preach the Gospel to, time is too precious to waste on subverted fools who are not going to change no matter how much the truth stares them in the face.

However, there comes a time when certain fools need to be answered, at least a little. The Bible says to answer them lest they become wise in their own conceits. In other words, answer them to let them know that the reason why we do not normally engage them is not because we cannot answer them but rather we choose not to. Like the old saying goes, "*A dog can whip a skunk any day but it wouldn't be worth it.*"

I get emails from time to time from folks wanting to argue over certain issues, especially this issue concerning the Spanish Bible. The blessing of having written a book and several articles over this issue is that whenever folks ask me questions, many times to set up some type of dialogue of debate, I can just refer them to something that has been written which already covers the topic and then go on about my business. This is a great time-saver. And as a Missionary one thing you must learn to do is properly manage your time.

I don't have all the time in the world to argue with fools like Robert Breaker. Most of these fools don't have a ministry. I have a flock of people to tend to here in the mountains of Puerto Rico. Breaker has no audience. Though he claims to be an "evangelist" he has no meetings because no one wants to listen to him. Therefore, he has plenty of time to vent his frustrations out against our God-given Reina Valera Gómez Bible (hereafter RVG), which is fine by me. Life goes on and God continues to multiply His pure words in Spanish regardless.

On the other hand, my time is better spent ministering to the people God has given me than to argue with deluded maniacs like Robert Breaker all the time. My responsibilities involve a church congregation to minister to, souls to win, Bible studies to conduct, new converts to disciple, discipleship courses to make, a Bible institute to prepare for, a curriculum and Bible courses to develop, books to write in Spanish (for the purpose of teaching my people), a building project to oversee, churches to plant in neighboring towns, Bibles to distribute, families to counsel, etc, etc, etc.

When there are people with a teachable spirit who have a desire to learn and are willing to listen, why waste time arguing with irrelevant critics like Breaker?

Breaker doesn't know what it is like to Pastor anyone (this is according to his former Pastor). What Breaker has as a "ministry" is a bunch of Internet blogs, websites, You-tube videos, and a ton of time on his hands because he has no real ministry in which he engages real people in the real world. And while I'm not against the usage of modern tools to get your message out, I simply do not have the kind of time that most RVG critics have to make videos and write a bunch of blogs. Dr. Phil Stringer calls these type of people "Internet theologians". I will refrain from revealing what I call them.

So oddly enough because our opponents have no real ministries they have somewhat of an advantage over us. They have a bunch of free time on their hands to rant and rave. This disadvantage on our part is for

the better, however. Our God-given ministries in dealing with real people in the real world save us from getting entangled in the make-believe fairy tale world that losers like Breaker live in.

Nevertheless, I am going to waste a little time to answer this deluded fool according to his folly.

I know that Breaker is desperate for attention. For just a moment I am going to give Breaker what he wants, though I'm not so sure he's going to like what he gets.

Now Robert Breaker has written many things. I will not waste my time commenting on every bit of lunacy Breaker has put to ink. It's really not hard for anyone with any amount of common sense to see how insane, desperate, jealous, frustrated, and far-fetched Breaker's arguments are. Breaker is his own worst enemy. He does a good job of shooting himself in the foot with the foolish things he writes. So I will not waste the time and effort to do an exhaustive treatment of everything Breaker has written. He and his material are so ridiculous that they are just not worth it. Should I change my mind in the future it will be because I perceive that Breaker is leading people astray with his nonsense. Right now I am not worried about that because hardly anyone cares about what Breaker has to say.

However, for now I will address some things in his latest article just to remind him and everyone else of what kind of a fool he is. Most of the quotes I will be using of Breaker are from his latest article to date entitled *The Lies about the Modern Gómez 2010 Spanish Bible*. To reinforce certain points I will also quote some of his other articles.

Now bear in mind that the reason why Breaker is attacking Dr. Gómez, the RVG, and RVG supporters is because Breaker supports another Spanish Bible revision. It is called the 1602 Valera Purified, or "Purificada" in Spanish (hereafter 1602P). Breaker insists that we should be using the 1602P instead of the RVG. And he is now ranting and raving with frustration because Bible-believing Spanish-speaking Christians are choosing the RVG instead of the 1602P. So out of desperation for an audience, Breaker is on the warpath. I will briefly address my feelings towards the 1602P later in this article. For now let's look at some reasons why sane people do not take Breaker seriously.

Breaker's straw dummy argument backfires on him

This is a straw dummy. A straw dummy argument is when an individual falsely claims that his opponent said something. He then goes about trying to refute this fabricated statement which he falsely claims was made by the opponent he is trying to defeat. This is what someone does when their position is so weak that they have no argument. Since they have no argument, they must invent something. Breaker does this MANY times in his writings against us. For example, Breaker wrote:

Mr. Gómez on his old website, says the following dogmatic statement about his work of revision, "...we have gone verse by verse making sure first of the purity of the text and then comparing the 1909 with the Authorized KJV. Every single verse that did not line up with the KJV we have immediately corrected."

So according to this statement, we are to believe that Mr. Gómez ONLY used the 1909 and the KJV, and that he IMMEDIATELY corrected that Spanish text (the 1909) with the KJV. But is this what really happened?

Notice that Dr. Gómez never said anywhere in his statement quoted above by Breaker that ONLY the 1909 and KJV were used in his work. Yet Breaker claims that Dr. Gómez has led us to believe that this was so. This is the conclusion Breaker drew and he assumes everyone else should draw the same. So with his straw dummy built, Breaker rants:

"And, as I read through the Gómez, I did not read a Bible that read like the old 1909 and the King James. Rather, I read a Bible which read more like the modern, ecumenical 1960 corrupt Spanish Bible, which the majority of Evangelicals today still use and love. So to me, it was unethical, and even irreprehensible for Mr. Gómez to LIE in saying he ONLY used the 1909 Spanish text, for it is undeniable as you go verse by verse with the Gómez and the 1960 how closely the Gómez follows that ecumenical version."

"Later, (i.e. several years ago AFTER his version came out and began to be accepted), Mr. Gómez did come out and say that he did indeed use the 1960 in his revising work. Is this not,

then, a LIE that Mr. Gómez has said to us before, in making us believe he only used the 1909, while the facts are that he did use the 1960? (A version he claimed to be very much against at the time!) Why did he do this? Why did he hide the truth? I believe he used the 1960 in order to make the text read closer to it so that those who used the 1960 would change to his version. And this is exactly what's happening.”

Now again, we have already noted that Dr. Gómez has NEVER claimed to have only used the 1909 and KJB. Surely he used other texts such as the original 1602 Valera, the Textus Receptus (Scrivener edition), and others. And yes at times he referenced the 1960 to see how the 1960 revisers handled certain linguistic issues, of which there is nothing wrong with that.

But what I specifically want you to see is how much Breaker rants against the use of the 1960. In fact, he goes so far as to say:

“At least those behind the Valera 1602 Purified have been very open and honest about which texts they used. And they adamantly REJECTED the 1960. Why then should we adopt a version that used the 1960 on purpose?”

Is that right? They “*adamantly REJECTED the 1960*”? Did they really? We'll see about that.

Also, notice how Breaker said, “*Why then should we adopt a version that used the 1960 on purpose?*” That's a good question Breaker! Wonderful question! Now let's watch that question come back to bite him in the rump.

Concerning the work of the 1602P revisers which he supports, Breaker wrote in another article:

“They also made sure their Bible read along with the original 1602 as much as possible, honoring the beauty of the OLD CASTELLAN Spanish language, and not following modernistic street Spanish words like the 1960, the Gómez and others.

Just some of the many Bibles they used in their work include:

15th and 16th Hebrew translation of the Masoretic text into Spanish: Escorial; Constantinople - Salonica; Ms 87; Ms 10.208 and others

1537 Juan de Valdés (consisting of Matthew, Romans, and 1 Corinthians. Also Psalms 1-41)

1543 Fransico de Enzinas New Testament

1556 Juan Perez de Pineda New Testament and book of Psalms

1553 Ferrara Spanish Old Testament

1814 Valera Revision

1817 Valera Revision

1831 Valera Revision

1862 Valera Revision

1865 American Bible Society Revisión

1869 Valera Revisión

1909 Antigua Spanish Bible

1917 TANAKH edition of the Masoretic text of Jacob Ben Chayim published by the Jewish Publication Society

McVey Spanish Bible translation directly translated from the King James

1960 corrupt Spanish modern Bible put out by Eugene Nida

The King James in English

The Alameida Portugese Trinitarian revision

*And many more”!*¹

(Words in bold and underline mine)

¹ **The Valera 1602 Purified Spanish Bible** by Robert Breaker
http://rrb3.com/bibles/spnbibl/1602_purified_bible.htm

So Breaker gives a list of the various sources he claims the 1602P revisers used in their work. And lo and behold, what do we find as one of their sources? *In Breaker's own words*, he reveals the "1960 corrupt Spanish modern Bible put out by Eugene Nida" was indeed one of their sources. Now how about that?

Remember when Breaker loudly proclaimed that the 1602P revisers "adamantly REJECTED the 1960"? I'm assuming this is what Breaker suggests we should do to. Right Breaker? Hey Breaker! Remember when you asked, "*Why then should we adopt a version that used the 1960 on purpose?*"

Here is Breaker's problem. Someone said one time that to be a good liar you have to keep up with your lies. Breaker is such a lousy pathological liar that he cannot keep up with his own lies, all of which are in writing. One minute he's bashing the RVG for using the 1960 as one of the sources in the RVG revision effort. The next minute he's praising the 1602P for *using* the 1960 as one of the sources in that revision effort. Then, the next minute he's insisting that any Spanish Bible that uses the 1960 should not be adopted. Well, by Breaker's own standard he and everyone else should "adamantly REJECT" the 1602P.

Nice work Breaker! You silly guy you!

Breaker suggests that we should have nothing to do with Chick Publications

Breaker has a heading in his article that claims that we who support the RVG tell people that they should adopt it also because Chick Publications supports the RVG. Of course this is another straw dummy lie by Breaker because NO ONE has ever said that. Notice he provides no quotes by anyone to back up this claim (because there are none). Nevertheless, Breaker goes on to complain:

Probably the biggest publisher of the Gómez Spanish Bible is Chick Publications. Their representative is a man named David Daniels, who has accepted the Gómez Spanish Bible and believes it to be the best Spanish Bible. He, of course, speaks no Spanish. On Youtube, I found a video of him speaking to what looked like a Hispanic Church. Through an interpreter he said that the Gómez is the only Spanish Bible that was the work of a true Hispanic in a Spanish-speaking country, that used the pure texts underlying the King James Bible. But this is *not* true! This conveniently leaves out the Valera 1602 Purified, the more thorough work of an Independent Baptist Church in Monterrey, Mexico. Why did he lie?

I've personally written to Mr. Daniels TWICE, and mailed him a copy of the Valera 1602 Purified. I received no response. So how could he say that?

Why would they, on purpose, exclude the Valera 1602 Purified? (We shall see later that they have a history of doing this). Could it be so they can *sell* their own printed copies?

Breaker also adds to this complaint:

But who is Chick Publications? It's a publishing company which claims to be a Bible-Believing organization. However, everyone I've spoken to that knows the company or has visited says that it is very, very Charismatic.

It's odd to me to see Independent Baptists, what Gómez is, hooking up with Chick publications, an organization that is very Charismatic. I was in the Charismatic church BEFORE I was saved, and the last thing in the world I want to do is hook up with them again. Why then is the modern Gómez crowd doing so?

Bashing Chick Publications has been Breaker's bold new move lately. In another article Breaker wrote:

When it comes to the Spanish Bible Issue, I find that many IFBer's are now going with spanish version put out by CHICK TRACTS. This is odd, as I remember sitting around with other Independent Baptists and talking about how liberal and how charismatic chick publications is now. We used to hate the back of their tracts, as they had the "ask Jesus into your heart" gospel. But now, these very same guys are all in favor of Chick, and openly embrace it! But do they know that the majority of those at Chick's publishing are CHARISMATICS???

So, how could the modern Independent Baptist movement be so quick to hook up with a group they all claim to be against which they believe has false doctrine?²

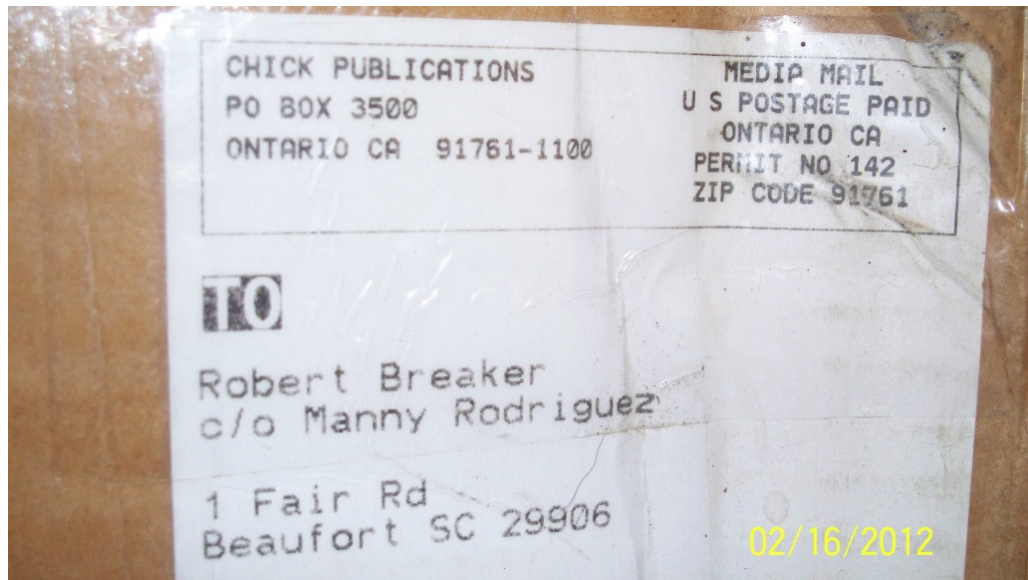
Now note several things about Breaker's rantings and ravings against Chick Publications and their support of the RVG:

1. First off, David Daniels does speak Spanish.
2. Second of all, David Daniels is not the only one associated with Chick Publications that is knowledgeable of the Spanish language. The high quality of Spanish in their Spanish material tells you (if you have common sense) that Chick Publications has people who work with them who are very able in the Spanish language. In fact, they have professional translators who work with them. The decision to use the RVG in their Spanish literature was not just that of David Daniels. It was a collective decision of Chick Publications and their team as a whole.
3. David Daniels is a member of a Baptist church.
4. It is not hard to see Breaker's envy and jealousy here. He insinuates that it is wrong to "hook up" with what he calls the "Charismatic" and "liberal" Chick Publications, yet he complains about the fact that he sent them a copy of the 1602P but they never responded to him. His jealousy over Chick Publications' decision to go with the RVG instead of the 1602P is very transparent, hence the frustrated tone of his entire article. If he is so concerned about Christians "hooking up" with Chick Publications because they are "liberal", why did he send them a copy of the 1602P? Why is he mad that they are not using it? And why is he mad that they never responded to him?
5. If Breaker is so against "hooking up" with Chick Publications why in the world did he personally send me several box loads of Chick tracts several years ago when I was the Director of a Spanish ministry under my local church in Beaufort, South Carolina?

That's right. Robert Breaker sent me several boxes full of Chick tracts to use in our Spanish ministry in South Carolina several years ago before I came to Puerto Rico as a Missionary. You see, Breaker and I used to be on friendlier terms before Breaker's dishonesty forced me to withdraw fellowship from him (more on that later). *Breaker and I have passed out Chick tracts together for crying out loud!* In fact at the time of this writing I just so happened to still have a box leftover of which I will be using for the ministry here in Puerto Rico. Below are a couple pictures of this box of Chick tracts sent to me by Breaker.



² <http://truth-stands-alone.blogspot.com/>



Was Breaker trying to corrupt our ministry by “hooking us up” with this “liberal” material?

Remember what I said about bad liars having a hard time keeping up with things? Breaker must have forgotten about these Chick tracts that he purchased and sent me. Oops!

Then again, maybe Breaker has recently repented over “hooking up” with these evil people by purchasing their “liberal” propaganda, passing it out to others, and sending it to a Baptist ministry to be used to reach people. Who knows? *Who cares?*

At any rate, it becomes increasingly obvious that the only reason why Breaker is now bashing Chick Publications is because they chose to use the RVG instead of the Spanish Bible he supports. Had they chosen the 1602P I have no doubt whatsoever that he would be singing their praises.

In regards to Breaker’s statements against Chick Publication being a “Charismatic” and “liberal” organization, I will say that personally I don’t know of many other Christian literature ministries that are more hard-hitting against Roman Catholicism, the Ecumenical movement, Alexandrian based corrupted Bibles, the Islamic religion, the Masonic lodge, Evolution, worldliness, the New Age movement, and cults like Mormonism, the Jehovah’s Witnesses, etc. For many years Chick Publications have stood firm for the King James Bible, holiness, separation, repentance, revival, soul-winning, etc. They have now taken a stand on the Spanish Bible issue, a stand that so many Fundamentalists and “conservative” Evangelicals are too intimidated to take. Chick Publications is criticized daily by *real* liberals for the strong stand they have taken on many issues. Some may not agree with everything about Chick Publications, but to call them “liberal” is a stretch.

For the record, I use Chick tracts and some of their other material all the time on the mission field. And just a couple weeks ago, I led a young man to the Lord with a Chick tract. Praise the Lord! I’m starting discipleship lessons with this young man next week.

Again, all of this madness from Breaker is just more manifestation of his jealousy and frustration that Chick Publications, like so many other Bible-believers, will not give him the time of day nor will they support the Spanish Bible revision that he *demand*s everyone to support.

Breaker accuses me of lying about him personally

Not too long ago, I wrote an article rebutting some arguments against the RVG. In this article I recognized Robert Breaker as the source for some of these faulty arguments. I mentioned in the article that Breaker is a known liar and for this reason he was kicked out of his home church and mission board. These are facts that could be upheld in a court of law and I mentioned them simply to point out Breaker’s untrustworthiness and unreliability as a source on *anything*. In regards to this Breaker wrote:

In his article, Manny Rodriguez says the following lies, slander, and misleading statements about me, in writing, “...Breaker was eventually confronted by his Pastor and Assistant Pastor, Brian Donovan, for dishonest practices. As a result, church discipline was

administered as Breaker was kicked out of his sending church and mission board. Since then, Breaker decided not to return to Honduras, but to remain in Alabama as a 'missionary evangelist to the Spanish-speaking people of the Americas... Despite all his efforts, he has no influence and a hardly an audience, especially amongst Hispanic brethren. No Hispanic Bible-Believer who understands the issues at hand takes him seriously."

This is very devious and dishonest, and certainly UNTRUE! My wife and I weren't KICKED OUT of our old home church, we LEFT of own accord. And we put on the internet the reason why.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE WHY WE LEFT OUR OLD HOME CHURCH.](#)

We were not "disciplined" for we did nothing wrong. Notice, Mr. Rodriguez does not mention the "supposed" dishonest practices." He can't, as there were none.

Well *I* did not mention the dishonest practices simply because I didn't think I had to since *I had just quoted a letter from his former Pastor in which Breaker's dishonest practices were revealed and outlined.* Since Breaker seems to have missed this I will provide it for him again. Let's look at some excerpts from the letter that his former Pastor, Dr. Peter S. Ruckman, wrote explaining why Breaker was kicked out of Bible Baptist Church in Pensacola, FL and their Mission Board known as Bible Baptist Missions.

And before anyone goes crying "slander" or "libel" on my part, they need to know that it was Robert Breaker *HIMSELF* who made this letter public. It was Breaker who made copies of it and sent it out to ALL of his supporting and former supporting churches (including my home church). It was Breaker who posted this article for the entire world to see on one of his public Internet blogs.³ I am simply pointing out information that Breaker himself made public and *wanted* folks to see. Breaker went public with this letter to show people how he believed he was being "persecuted" by evil Fundamental Baptists. Yet, in trying to gain the sympathy of others the self-destructive Breaker only hanged himself even more.

Breaker's former Pastor, Dr. Peter Ruckman, wrote:

"I have neither the time nor the interest to help you into the "big time" after you failed as a missionary AND evangelist. We didn't dump you as a missionary because of any problem over ANY translation in ANY language. WE dropped you because:

1. You lied about being a pastor at Garcon Point – you only – "supplied" a couple of times when the pastor was absent. You didn't win a soul to Christ the entire time you "pastured" either in Honduras.
2. You did not really pastor anyone in Honduras.

You did exactly what you are doing now – traveling back and forth to the States. THEN you were doing it to visit your girlfriend. You are now doing to establish yourself as an authority on foreign translations – as a "savior" to Hispanics."

"Your position is so apparent that it is disgusting. There is nothing in anything you write that mentions LOST Hispanics or SOUL winning. Your MOTIVE of getting embroiled in an intellectual discussion over versions is ROTTEN."

"You, yourself, have never produced anything. Now you are trying to get publicity by attacking BOOKS SO YOU CAN SELL YOUR OWN BOOKS, that is, according to your books which you sent me.

Our Mission Board and Board of Trustees know EXACTLY what you "ministry" is; that is why they dumped you."

"Your "life work", sonny boy, is your self-magnification of yourself as an authority on a foreign language."

(The letter in its entirety is given in Appendix A)

³ http://breakerprayerletters.blogspot.com/2010_04_01_archive.html

First, notice why Breaker was removed from his former church according to his former Pastor. Dr. Ruckman plainly stated that Breaker lied about Pastoring a church during his time in Bible school and he lied about his work on the mission field.

Secondly, notice the part where Dr. Ruckman said, "*We dropped you because...*" Also, in regards to Breaker's former Mission Board, Dr. Ruckman said, "*...they dumped you.*"

Now what part of "WE DROPPED YOU" and "THEY DUMPED YOU" does Breaker not understand?

Breaker can claim that I am lying about him being kicked out his former church and mission board all he wants...he can convince himself that he left on his own accord all he wants... but it still won't change the written testimony by his former Pastor in a personal letter that Breaker himself made public – *a very stupid decision*. The letter plainly states that Breaker was "dropped" and "dumped". Being "dropped" and "dumped" sounds like being "kicked out" to me. Being "dropped" and "dumped" certainly doesn't sound like someone leaving "on their own accord".

Breaker needs to quit lying to himself and come to terms with reality. He forgot about the time when he sat on my couch in my living room in my former home in Beaufort, SC and personally told my wife and I that his former Assistant Pastor Brian Donovan had reprimanded him and then afterwards informed him that in less than a month Breaker would be removed from membership of the church and mission board. In fact, it was during this time that Breaker came to my home church in Beaufort, SC, (Calvary Baptist Church, Pastor Karl Baker) and asked if we could become his new home church. He publically explained to our home church that he was being removed from membership at Bible Baptist Church and then gave his side of the story as to why he believed this was happening.

In fact, our church actually decided to accept Breaker as a member and even voted to double his financial support to help him out since he was quickly losing so many supporting churches over his foolish decisions. I was present in the congregation when this meeting and decision took place.

Of course, *Breaker even lies about this* when in another public writing on his website he states:

So we came to the realization we didn't need a Mission Board, for all we needed was a sending church. So we first went to South Carolina to join what we at the time thought was a good Bible Believing church, hoping to be sent from it. But, we were told they didn't want us, or to be part of the controversy that we had began (which was what? All that happened was my wife got saved!).⁴

Breaker is a chronic pathological liar. He is so accustomed to fabricating wild stories that he cannot help himself. The truth is that after our church had decided to help him out and accept him as a member he then changed his mind about joining us and instead decided to go with another church in Monterrey, Mexico once we started questioning him about the Spanish Bible issue and his beliefs concerning soul-winning methods. Once he felt a little heat, he ran for the border *literally!* He couldn't handle being held accountable for his actions and beliefs, so he got him a "home church" in Mexico that he doesn't have to attend nor be accountable to while he is living *the entire year* in his home in Alabama.

After Breaker pulled a fast one on our home church they also decided to eventually *dump* and *drop* Breaker's financial support, especially considering his decision to not return to Honduras as a Missionary.⁵ So our church then took on Dr. Humberto Gómez, a lifetime Missionary to Mexico, for monthly financial support in replacement of Breaker. Breaker's doubled support was transferred over to Dr. Humberto Gómez and considering the many souls saved, churches planted, and men trained for the ministry under Dr. Gómez's ministry this decision has since proven to be a very good investment.

Why I withdrew fellowship from Breaker

Breaker wrote:

⁴ *Why We Left Our Home Church* by Robert Breaker http://rrb3.com/Left/reasons_left_church.htm

⁵ Breaker says this is because Honduras would not allow his wife in Honduras for a long term stay yet other Missionaries in Honduras are able to work these things out.

But Manny has since adopted the Gómez version. And rather than that *uniting* us, it *divided* our fellowship. Several years ago Manny called me on the phone and said, "*I don't want anything to do with you and your Bible! I'm not going to have anything to do with you anymore!*" Since then he purposely has omitted speaking about the Valera 1602 Purified Spanish Bible as he began adamantly defending the Gómez instead, pretending I don't exist.

Apparently Breaker is very upset that I have withdrawn fellowship from him. He claims that I did so because of our disagreements over the Spanish Bible. For example, he wrote in another article:

Manny (his nickname) used to be a very good friend of mine, and we used to have a lot of fun together preaching on the street and talking about the Lord. However, he's now turned on me for not following him in endorsing and defending the Gómez Bible. (Yet everyone who uses the Gómez always talks about how much it is "uniting" the brethren? From my experience, it has caused much division!)

I remember a few years ago when Manny called me on the phone and told me, "*I no longer want to be your friend, and I don't want to tell people about your or the Valera 1602 Purified Spanish Bible!*"⁶

This is totally fabricated. I never "turned" on Breaker for not endorsing and defending the RVG. Breaker really thinks much of himself. The truth is *I could care less* as to whether or not Breaker endorses or defends ANYTHING. He could do whatever he wants. I am not interested in Breaker's opinion about anything.

I have never made an endorsement of the RVG the criteria for friendship with *anybody*. I have friends who use other Spanish Bible versions, like the 1960. In fact, I have many family members who use the 1960. We simply agree to disagree and find other common ground to fellowship upon as Christians. I choose to have patience with others who haven't come to the truth of the Spanish Bible issue.

In fact, this may come as a surprise to some. But last year I let a 30 year veteran missionary preach in my pulpit with the 1960 version. I'm sure some of my friends would question the wisdom in that but they should know that this man has since then embraced and adopted the RVG after reading my book. With tears in his eyes this elderly man, a former Vietnam War veteran who saw real action on the battlefield, thanked me for being his friend despite our past differences over the Spanish Bible. He simply was not aware of all the details involved. Now he is and has taken a stand. To God be the glory!

So the point is that Breaker is lying about me "turning on him" over the RVG. I have never had that attitude. Most if not all of us who support the RVG are a lot more gracious than our opponents want to give us credit for.

I NEVER told Breaker on the phone that I was breaking fellowship with him over the Spanish Bible issue. And I never said that I was going to stop telling people about Breaker or his Bible. This guy is nuts! What does he even mean by that? Is he saying that before I withdrew fellowship from him that I was promoting him and advertising his Bible but then I got angry at him so I stopped? Is that what happened in his made up fairy tale world? Where does this guy get these crazy ideas? Breaker is fabricating false scenarios in his vainly puffed up imagination. He is a legend in his own mind.

Now coming back down to earth, we *did* have a phone conversation. I remember this particular phone conversation quite well. I was driving down Highway 16 in Oakatee, SC during the time of this correspondence. My wife and children were with me as we were on our way to speak at a church in Lyons, GA to present our burden as Missionaries to Puerto Rico. What I *told* Breaker on the phone was that I was breaking fellowship with him because he refused to retract his false accusations against another brother in Christ. I was *rebuking* his dishonesty and maliciousness against a brother in Christ. And for that reason I have not communicated with him since that phone conversation.

The reason why I withdrew fellowship from Breaker is because of his refusal to quit LYING about Dr. Humberto Gómez by falsely accusing him of *plagiarizing* the 1602P and then going public with this lie in his writings on the internet. Breaker brings up this false accusation again in his latest article:

⁶ Who's Who in the Spanish Bible Issue by Robert Breaker

Mr. Gómez had a copy of this New Testament [1602P] when he did his "revision." Some say he copied this version in a lot of places, thus taking advantage of their own exhaustive work for himself. We do not know this for certain, but what we do know is Mr. Gómez' first edition of his New Testament, (the RVG '04) it was full of horrendous errors!

Now Breaker doesn't outright accuse Dr. Gómez of plagiarism in this particular quote because after rebuking him several times he has at least decided to tone this one down a bit. But sometimes he still slips up. For example, in another article he wrote:

The Gómez Bible now also adds "*Estudia*" in 2 Tim. 2:15 in their Bible. But I have the first and second edition where they did not. **They have copied the 1602P in so doing!**⁷

First off, this claim is false. Gómez didn't copy the word "estudia", which is Spanish for "study", from the 1602P. He got it from the KJB! Wrong Bible, Breaker.

A while back, I confronted Breaker about this accusation against Gómez of plagiarism and when I asked him to produce proof he claimed that a Missionary to Guatemala named Carlos Donate had told him this was so. In an email exchange, Breaker wrote to me:

First, you say that I'm wrong for saying Gómez' Bible (and that's exactly what it is. Mr. Gómez told me personally he was the "final authority" in that work and he himself made all the changes), is a copy of the 1602 TR. Well, this is not my opinion. **This is the opinion of both Carlos Donate and Bro. William Park. Both of them told this to me**, and that's why I said it in my book in the first copy. (I took this out in the newest edition). They should know, as they are the foremost Bible Scholars in the Spanish Bible in this day and age, having studied the Spanish Bible through and through many more times than anyone I know, including Mr. Gómez.

...So when you say that I said Gómez just copied the 1602 TR, I wasn't speaking out my rear end. I was quoting two very distinguished and knowledgeable men of God who know what they are talking about."⁸

First off, notice that Breaker considers hear-say, rumors, second hand information, to be "proof". This again demonstrates his unreliability as a researcher and writer.

Secondly, to verify Breaker's claims I contacted Carlos Donate. Donate had a large role in both the revisions of the 1602P and the RVG. He and I are good friends and we communicate regularly. Donate made it very clear that Breaker was lying. In fact, recently Donate verified this again in an email in which he states:

Bro Manny,

I never told Breaker anything about anyone plagiarizing the 1602P. That's a lie fabricated against Bro Gómez that came from either ***** or even perhaps ***** , but can't really say for sure, but it definitely was not I.

So again Breaker is caught perpetuating lies and presenting them as "information" in his articles. Now you see why sane people, especially those of us who know Breaker personally, put no stock in anything he says or writes?

The truth is Breaker did not lose me as a friend over his position of the Spanish Bible. He lost me as a friend because of his constant LYING. His lies are what caused the "division".

To disagree over a position is one thing. We all have our disagreements. And many disagreements we can learn to live with, even disagreements over the Spanish Bible issue. But to publically lie about another fellow-servant in Christ and put it in writing for the entire world to see is wicked and Satanic (John 8:44). It is "dishonest practices" such as this that constantly get Breaker in trouble. The Bible exhorts us to withdraw

⁷ The History and Truth about the Gómez Bible by Robert Breaker
http://www.rrb3.com/mypub/books/truth_about_Gómez.htm

⁸ Email correspondence on file

ourselves from those who “walk disorderly” (2 Thes. 3:6-11). What could be more disorderly than publically lying about a fellow-minister of the Gospel?

In fact, in the very article we are commenting on Breaker makes the following statement:

When we are saved, we should not LIE, especially to or about other Christians! We should tell the truth.

Breaker tries to belittle the scholarship behind the RVG

Breaker wrote:

Contacting Mr. Donald Waite myself via my wife's email, I asked him if he did indeed work on the Gómez revision. Here is his response:

"Dear Laura,

You are right that I have helped A LITTLE with Dr. Humberto Gómez on his Reina-Valera Gómez Spanish Bible... Dr. Gómez used four sources for his RVG Spanish Bible (1) The O.T. Hebrew Words, (2) The N.T. Greek Words, (3) The 1909 Spanish text, and (4) the King James Bible. Though the KJV was one of the four sources, when the KJV differs slightly from the Hebrew and Greek, the Hebrew and Greek can be followed if preferred. If you have further questions, you may ask them to me. Sincerely yours, Pastor D A Waite."

Notice what he confesses to us. First he says that he only worked a "little" on the Gómez version (emphasis added in the quote is by me). That does not sound like an exhaustive translation method which went *verse by verse*.

First off, notice how Breaker hid behind his wife's name to communicate with Dr. D. A. Waite in search of a statement he could twist and somehow use against Dr. Gómez and the RVG. What a cowardly move!

Secondly, notice how he wants to downplay Dr. Waite's role in the RVG revision as an effort to attack the RVG as being a less than thorough and scholarly work.

Dr. Waite put out a public endorsement of the RVG in which he reveals the extent of his involvement in the RVG revision.

"I am pleased to recommend the Spanish Bible of Dr. Humberto Gómez. I have found him to be a kind, careful, humble, and able student who has spent hundreds of hours in carrying out his burden to get the Spanish Bible of 1909 (by which he was led to the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour) in line with the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Words underlying the King James Bible. He has done this. He has spoken with me about several questions he had in certain places of his translation in an effort to be both clear and correct.... He has sought to correct the various errors of translation in the Old Testament as well as those in the New Testament. His Spanish New Testament has followed the Greek Received or Traditional Text on which the King James Bible was based.

"...I have personally looked up in Dr. Humberto Gómez's Spanish Bible each one of those 158 passages in my book. I found every one of them to be in conformity to the Received Greek Text and have been made doctrinally correct."

In fact it was Jim Felleure, Director of Victory Baptist Press in Milton, FL, who sent a copy of the RVG to Dr. Waite to examine it for textual accuracy with the Textus Receptus. While analyzing the 2004 RVG text, Dr. Waite also requested 10 more copies to pass on to some other colleagues for examination, all of which are trained in the original languages.

Dr. Waite's role was that of a *consultant*, not the actual reviser himself. Dr. Gómez has explained many times that whenever questions came up in his work that required Greek or Hebrew expertise Dr. Waite was the first consultant that he contacted. Dr. Waite's contribution was in the area of verifying that certain changes were indeed in conformity with the Received Texts both doctrinally and grammatically.

But Dr. Waite was not the *only* collaborator in this work. Dr. Gómez collaborated with several men of God who also have formal Greek and Hebrew training. Breaker KNOWS this to be so but he never mentions it in his articles against the RVG. (Yet he accuses US of holding back information.)

For example, Dr. Rex Cobb is another man that Dr. Gómez consulted with throughout his revision effort. Dr. Cobb served in Mexico as a church planting Missionary for over 20 years. He is totally fluent in Spanish. In fact Dr. Cobb is a true linguist. He is the Director of Baptist Bible Translators Institute in Bowie, TX. This school trains missionary Bible translators in Greek, advanced linguistics, and translation methods and principles tried and proven by experienced Bible translators. Amongst Baptists, this is the #1 most advanced school specializing in linguistics. Dr. Cobb is the perfect man to lead this school as he himself is an experienced Bible translator. During his time as a Missionary in Mexico he translated the entire New Testament into the dialect of the Zapoteca Indians in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Perhaps no man has invested more hours in collating Spanish Bibles than Dr. Cobb. Dr. Cobb collated EVERY WORD in the NT of 16 different Spanish Bibles, including the RVG, and compared each word in every verse with an edition of the Textus Receptus. Dr. Cobb then documented in the most exhaustive chart to date each difference between these 16 Spanish Bibles and the TR.

Dr. Cobb and Dr. Gómez have been friends for several years. Dr. Cobb's intense research has aided Dr. Gómez in his revision work.

Why didn't Breaker mention Dr. Cobb's involvement in the RVG? Here is a quote by Dr. Cobb concerning his involvement in the RVG. The rest of his writing can be found in the following footnote⁹:

A few years ago I learned about the work of Humberto Gómez and became very interested. When I finally received a copy of his initial work, I began to look it over. I liked it, but also found a few things that could use a little work. I only found one small textual problem, and Bro. Gómez promptly corrected that. Over the next few years we communicated from time to time about improvements to his work. He was always happy to listen to any suggestion I had. He didn't always follow them, but he always gave a good explanation why he couldn't. During these years Bro. Gómez has been open to suggestions from all the Spanish-speaking brethren.

Another one of Dr. Gómez's collaborators worth mentioning is Carlos Donate. Breaker knows Donate personally. Breaker knows that Donate has formal training in Greek and Hebrew. Breaker knows that Donate is very able in the original languages. Breaker knows well about the large role Donate played in the production of the 1602P and the RVG. And Breaker knows that Donate's familiarity with all the ancient Spanish Bible texts is unparalleled. Breaker admitted this much to me in an email correspondence in which he stated:

This is the opinion of both Carlos Donate and Bro. William Park. ...They should know, as they are **the foremost Bible Scholars in the Spanish Bible in this day and age**, having studied the Spanish Bible through and through many more times than anyone I know, including Mr. Gómez. And they haven't just looked at the '60 and the '09, but these guys have the original 1602, 1569, 1543 Enzinas, the Perez, the Ferrara, the original 1865... and many more. I personally bought a 1854 and 1815 Valera Bible (which is a Scio Valera Hybrid) from Donate. These were the only one's he'd sell me. He has probably 20 more old Bibles before 1865.

They have studied all of these Bibles through and through time and again. **I know of no true Bible Believers as scholarly as William Park and Carlos Donate.**

...I was quoting **two very distinguished and knowledgeable men of God who know what they are talking about.**

Of course as soon as Donate started recognizing the RVG as a superior Spanish Bible over the 1602P all these grandiose endorsements of Donate as a great scholar changed immediately. Nevertheless, be it known that according to Breaker's own words, one of the "*foremost Bible scholars in the Spanish Bible in this day and age*" who is a "*very distinguished and knowledgeable man of God*" and "*knows what he is talking about*" was another one of Dr. Gómez's collaborators in the RVG revision.

⁹ Rex Cobb's Endorsement of the RVG
<http://www.rvg.bz/Rex%20Cobbs%20endorsement%20of%20the%20RVG.pdf>

And Breaker knew that to. But you see, Donate's endorsement of the RVG over the 1602P really frustrates Breaker. The fact that the man Breaker considered to be one of the two "*foremost Bible scholars*" rejected the 1602P and went with the RVG totally messes up Breaker's world. So do not be surprised if you find Breaker now trying to belittle Donate as a scholar in his latest writings. That's just par for the course with Breaker.

I could go on and on talking about other good men with formal education and training who participated in the RVG revision effort (see chapter 5 of my book *God's Bible in Spanish*). I can mention the names of collaborators, some whom I know personally, who did indeed go through *every* word in both the OT and NT. The point is that Breaker KNOWS that the RVG has greater scholarship behind it than his 1602P. With all due respect to the good men who participated in the 1602P revision, when it comes to scholarship they could not hold a candle to the collective abilities and accomplishments of Dr. Gómez's collaborators. In fact Dr. Waite's credentials *alone* are more than all of the 1602P revisers AND supporters combined. And that is not an exaggeration. THAT is a fact that can easily be demonstrated.

If anyone doubts the scholarship behind the RVG, I challenge them to do what Breaker suggested for me to do back when I was still undecided on which Spanish Bible to go with. It was Breaker who suggested for me to contact Carlos Donate to find out what all was involved in these revisions. Breaker didn't expect that Donate would end up supporting the RVG over the 1602P. But the fact is that Donate concluded that the RVG was a greater work of scholarship and to quote Breaker, Donate "*should know*" since he is one of "*the foremost Bible Scholars in the Spanish Bible in this day and age*". Donate recently wrote, "*in regards to her defense of Monterrey [the 1602P], I humbly disagree that it is better than the RVG.*"¹⁰

In fact while we're at it let's put one more nail in the coffin of Breaker's arguments here.

Just recently another Greek and Hebrew scholar came out with an endorsement of the RVG after examining it. His name is Dr. Louis Tyler. He is a totally fluent in Spanish. And he is the Professor of Biblical Languages at the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, TX. This institute is also a Spanish language school which many missionaries attend to learn Spanish before going to the field. It is located less than an hour away from the border of Matamoros, Mexico. Dr. Tyler said:

"Allow me to recommend the Reina-Valera-Gómez Bible. Over the years I have noticed that the RVR 1960 often follows the so-called "critical text,"... The RVG follows the Textus Receptus (TR) in the New Testament and closely follows the Masoretic Text (MT = original Hebrew/Aramaic text) of the Old Testament...I applaud the RVG for reversing the trend to go after the modern trend of following the NU (Nestle text as well as the United Bible Societies) text and returning to the text that God has preserved since ancient times..."

Breaker lies about the Spanish abilities Of Dr. Gómez's supporters and collaborators

Breaker wrote:

We've look at the followers of Gómez and how the majority of them don't speak Spanish.

Breaker lies again.

First of all, we are not "followers of Gómez". We are followers of God and not man as proven by our willingness to take an unpopular stand despite the fact that the majority use the corrupted 1960 Reina-Valera edition. Many of the 1960 supporters will have nothing to do with us due to the stand we have taken. I personally have been called a "heretic" and accused of being "inspired by the devil" by 1960 supporters. Breaker gives us no credit for the stand we have taken and would rather label us as a "cult" and "followers" and "worshippers" of Gómez. Our stand for the word of God would only count in Breaker's eyes if we were in favor of his 1602P.

Breaker mentions a few American Pastors that also support the RVG though they speak no Spanish. They support the RVG the same way Breaker and others support the Textus Receptus as the correct Greek text though they *speak* no Greek.

¹⁰ Email correspondence

It is not hard to disprove Breaker's claim that the "majority" of RVG supporters are not Spanish-speakers. First off, men like Gómez and some of his collaborators were speaking Spanish when Breaker was still in diapers learning English. Native Spanish-speakers representing Spain, Cuba, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru, and others contributed to this work.

Secondly, all one has to do to see if Spanish-speakers are supporting the RVG is go to any of the RVG Bible conferences that are held throughout the Spanish-speaking world from time to time. I had the privilege to preach in a Bible conference that Dr. Gómez moderated in Matamoros, Mexico several years ago. Over 120 preachers were in attendance. Less than a handful of these preachers were Americans who spoke no Spanish. The rest of them were native-born Spanish-speakers from all over Mexico and a few other countries from Central and South America. Most of them could *only* speak Spanish. All of them use the RVG and so do their congregations. A couple years ago, I preached in another Bible conference down in Irapuato, Mexico (in the center of Mexico) in which more than 70 preachers in attendance. Most of them were Mexican nationals. The rest were Missionaries. Some of the nationals were preacher boys and students representing two Mexican Bible colleges which were present. All of them use the RVG. A couple years ago, I preached in a Church anniversary conference in Dallas, TX. This church is an all Spanish-speaking Mexican church with over 300 members. The Pastor and his church members all use the RVG. About 20 preachers were present in this same meeting. All of them use the RVG and so do their congregations. The year before last I had the privilege to teach a 7 month course on the book of Revelations in a Bible Institute in Villeta, Paraguay. I had over 30 students. 15 of them had surrendered to the call to preach. All of these Paraguayan men use nothing but the RVG. One of them is now Pastoring a work in Pilar, Paraguay. His congregation uses the RVG. In my church here in the mountains of Puerto Rico, we use the RVG. If I had the time I could mention Missionaries, national Pastors, and churches I know of in almost every Spanish-speaking country on the map all of which use and support the RVG. And these are just the ones I know about.

In January of this year, Dr. Gómez gave 700 free RVG Bibles to Pastors and church members throughout Juarez, Mexico. Just a month ago, over 25,000 RVG Bibles were printed and shipped to Peru for distribution amongst South Americans. A few months ago, 20,000 RVG Bibles were printed and shipped to Guatemala for distribution amongst Guatemalans. Right now, another 25,000 RVG Bibles are being printed for distribution in Central America and the Caribbean. Need I go on and on? These RVG Bibles are being distributed to Hispanics (not American Pastors) who WANT nothing but the RVG Bible. They support the RVG. They are requesting the RVG.

So Breaker's effort to give this false impression that the "majority" of RVG supporters are just a bunch of American Pastors who don't speak Spanish is very dishonest and unethical. Yet he wonders why he cannot seem to stay out of trouble with Pastors and churches. He thinks it is because of his "*stand for the Lord*". We know it is because of his habitual lying.

More lies by Breaker against Carlos Donate

Breaker wrote:

There's a modern defender of the Gómez named Carlos Donate, who is a Missionary in Guatemala. He used to HATE the 1960 Spanish Bible. And he used to defend the Valera 1602 Purified Spanish Bible. Now, he's chosen to go with the Gómez. And his choice split his church. I know of a man who went to his church that contacted me afterwards saying, "*Donate has changed from the right Spanish Bible, the one he taught us to defend and believe in. I can't go along with him because of that!*"

How is this uniting the brethren?

Now that Carlos Donate has recognized the RVG to be a superior text over the 1602P Breaker has a bone to pick with the man he once considered to be a "*very distinguished and knowledgeable man of God*". Donate went from being one of the "*foremost Bible scholars*" to a compromising, church-splitting, politician in Breaker's eyes. Should Donate start endorsing the 1602P as the best I'm sure he'd go back to being a wonderful scholar in Breaker's book again.

At any rate, now that we have read Breaker's rant against Donate, let's see Donate's side of the story. In an email Donate wrote:

It has always been my policy to try to help our 1960 friends see the WH influences in it. Whatever he [Breaker] means by "hatred" has been totally exaggerated and blown out of proportion as I have always said that not all of the 1960 is bad per se...what a guy!? This is one of the reasons why I left the Monterrey project--I just could not continue fellowshiping with their corrosive attitude. Also, the man he is referring to that "split" (????) our church (bro Carlos Rivera...ordained by me) has come back and apologized to me in a public meeting, as witnessed by my deacons and others; though he still uses Monterrey [1602P], he does admit the RVG is pure. No split ever happened, unless he is referring to Rivera who lickety split from our church as soon as I made the RVG our official Bible back in 2006.¹¹

So again Breaker's lies continue to pile up on top of each other.

Breaker falsely accuses us of using the race card

Breaker wrote:

They [RVG supporters] have even pulled the "race card" in saying that people who aren't Hispanic shouldn't even have a voice and shouldn't even talk about the Spanish Bible Issue. (But it's okay for Pastors in the states who speak NO Spanish to endorse the Gómez. Am I the only one here who sees a double standard?).

This is another ball-faced lie. Another straw dummy. We have NEVER said that non-Hispanics should not have a voice in the Spanish Bible debate. Breaker is taking what we have said out of proportion.

What we have said in the past is that those who have Spanish as a secondary language, like Breaker, should be very careful in disagreeing with the word choices of a native Spanish-speaking Bible translator, like Dr. Humberto Gómez. There are some fine points and nuances in the language that only a native who grew up with that language and in that culture is going to fully understand.

The input of all Bible-believing Christians, Hispanic and non-Hispanic, has been welcomed in the RVG project. However, it is very likely that nationals like Dr. Gómez and many of his collaborators will know how to translate something into their native tongue *better* than a gringo like Breaker.¹² Therefore, if the American is not careful he could make a fool out of himself when challenging the word choices of a native Spanish-speaker. Just like a Mexican who comes to America and learns some English as a second language would make a fool out of himself by trying to set himself up as an authority for Americans on the English language. What American would take him seriously?

This is exactly what Breaker does. He challenges many of Dr. Gómez's word choices claiming them to be in error when many times the error is simply Breaker's limited understanding of the Spanish language. Like Donald Heinz, a 20 year veteran missionary in Chile, trained in Greek and advanced linguistics in Dr. Rex Cobb's school, and recipient of a Masters Degree in Education, noticed about Breaker's arguments:

However, as can well be seen, many times he isn't a very good judge of Greek or Spanish. He claims later that "malagradecidos" is too big a word for the Bible and that "mezquindad" is a strange word. Could it be that Breaker's understanding of Spanish is really the problem and not the RVG? I would have to say that is the case.¹³

Heinz goes on to mention what he calls Breaker's "*apparent superiority complex*". That is precisely Breaker's problem here. He wants so bad to be a relevant voice in this discussion but because he is void of

¹¹ Email correspondence on file

¹² And no Breaker you are NOT a Latino just because someone in your ancestry many moons ago might have been from Spain. Get real! You are a Caucasian. Get over it. That's what God made you. And there's nothing wrong with that. Quit trying to be something that you are not.

¹³ *Breaker's Broken Booklet* by Don Heinz <http://www.4thesaviour.com/resources/Breakers+Broken+Booklet.pdf>

understanding he continually destroys his own credibility with his dishonest and desperate attempts to be an “authority” for Spanish-speakers.

Nevertheless, the main point here is that it has never been said that non-Hispanics could not offer input and be a part of this discussion. The many non-Hispanic brethren who have collaborated and supported Dr. Gómez in his work disprove that claim.

Breaker calls us a cult

Breaker wrote:

The movement of the modern Gómez Bible is quickly becoming a cult. In a cult, the cult leader exalts himself and puts himself on the same platform as the word of God, or in this case, in the same title as the Bible. Men then worship and follow the leader, for only he can tell us what are the pure, perfect, and preserved words of God, for without him, they believe they'd be tossed to and fro with no one to show them way to the truth. And they appreciate the cult leader for his showing them that HE and HIS WORDS are the only way to the truth. They also will ATTACK anyone who does not follow their leader or who questions his authority.

But, dear reader, what if he's wrong? Did you know that one of the things about cults is that you are never allowed to *question* the cult leader. And he *never* responds if he is *questioned*.

I recently read on a website by a Gómez defender in which they said Gómez doesn't need to answer any questions, and he doesn't need to answer his critics. Is this not headed towards a CULT?

Now isn't it just typical for Bible-believing Christians to be called a cult whenever they take a stand for something? This is nothing new to us. We were already used to this from opponents of the King James Bible. They also claim that we are in a KJV-only cult with Ruckman or some other controversial figure as our leader.

However, there are several things wrong with Breaker's cult comparison:

1. If we're in a cult for our loyalty to a Spanish version of God's holy words which bears the name of its translator or reviser then the same can be said for almost every TR-based Protestant Bible that ever existed, *including the one Breaker supports*. Many good Bibles are known by the names of their translators – Wycliffe, Coverdale, Tyndale, Erasmus, Stephanus, Beza, Scrivener, Luther, Ostervald, Olivetan, Van Dyke, Diodati, Enzinas, Pineda, and Reina & Valera. Therefore, Breaker is also in a cult for following a Bible that bears the name of Cipriano de Valera.
2. Breaker is living in a fantasy world if he thinks we are not allowed to question Dr. Gómez's work. Dr. Gómez's revision is questioned ALL THE TIME. If this wasn't so, the discussion we are having *this very moment* wouldn't even exist. Gómez has made many changes based on things that both his collaborators and *even his critics* have questioned and pointed out in his work. (And Breaker knows that to be so.) Does that sound like a “cult leader” to you?
3. Breaker is upset that Gómez refuses to answer lunatics like him. He says this is the characteristic of a cult leader. If that is so then I guess Jesus also was a cult leader.

Mark 15:3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

Mark 15:4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

Mark 15:5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

If gambling wasn't a sin, how much would you like to bet that if we all supported and published the 1602P with the exact same kind of passion and fervor as we do the RVG, Breaker's efforts to compare us to a cult would shift gears immediately? The reality is that Breaker is just jealous and frustrated that we are not following *HIM* and the Spanish Bible he wants us to accept.

Breaker accuses us of “shutting people up”

Breaker wrote:

I'm not the only one. There are many others who call me all the time saying, "*I've read the Gómez and the Valera 1602 Purified, and I can't go along with the Gómez. Because of this, they have shut me up, and pushed me away!*"

Of all of Breaker's ridiculous, insane, and wild claims, this one is the most hilarious. This one is my favorite.

Breaker says that we are "shutting people up" who won't go along with the RVG. Really? That's what we're doing? *How in the world are we doing that?* And since when did we start this imaginary Inquisition? In fact, I'd like to know.

If I knew how to shut folks up I would have used this wonderful skill to shut up a lot of folks a long time ago. A few names that come to mind are deceivers like Benny Henn, Joel Osteen, Billy Graham, the Mormons, the Jehovah's Witness, Catholic priests, the Pope, Muslim leaders, and many more. In fact, as a friend, I would have used this special ability to shut Breaker up several years ago before he started destroying his testimony. This could have saved him from spewing out so many lies that eventually resulted in him getting kicked out of his former church, dumped from his mission board, dropped from financial support by many churches, and it would have saved him all the embarrassment and shame he is now experiencing and trying to live in denial of. *I wish I could shut some folks up!*

No, we are not trying to shut anyone up. We couldn't if we wanted to, which is too bad.

My feelings toward the 1602 Valera Purified revision

Another of Breaker's lies is that RVG supporters are attacking the 1602P. For example, Breaker wrote:

Many of those who use the Gómez are now coming out and viciously ATTACKING those who don't, like Manny did to me in his article in very mean and angry speech.

It's only lately he's come out in full force attacking me and the Valera 1602 P version, while defending the Gómez Spanish Bible.

None of this is true. Breaker lives in a fantasy world. I challenge the reader to find anywhere where RVG supporters have "viciously" attacked anyone who doesn't use the RVG. What you'll find is us *defending* the RVG against the arguments of others. You'll find us pointing out corruption and error in other Spanish Bibles which is nothing new. Bible-believers have ALWAYS known that there have been problems in Spanish Bibles like the 1960, 1909, and others.

Look around and see if you'll find us bashing the 1602P Bible or anyone associated with it. The most you'll find are a few times where I have pointed out some places in the 1602P of which I believe are in error or reads better in the RVG. In fact, the harshest thing I may have ever said in reference to the 1602P is that it is an inferior text in comparison to the RVG and that I didn't believe it is the answer to the Spanish Bible controversy. This is not an attack. This is just my honest opinion, which I am entitled to, just like Breaker is entitled to his.

I am not against the 1602P. My position is simply that I believe the RVG is better, yea, the best. But if some folks want to use the 1602P, more power to them. It really makes no difference to me. It has no bearing upon me or my ministry.

In fact, I know of at least 2 people that I have actually encouraged to use the 1602P. One is a professional Spanish interpreter in Wisconsin. At a Bible conference she approached me and asked for my opinion as to whether she should use a copy of the 1602P someone had sent her. I said yes and acknowledged it as better than the more common 1960. Another instance was just a couple weeks ago. An elderly missionary here in Puerto Rico asked me what I thought about the 1602P. My answer was that it was better than the 1960. In both instances I didn't even go the route of trying to prove that the RVG is better. Everyone already knows what I believe about *that*.

In both instances I could have said, “*No don’t use the 1602P. Throw it away! Its garbage and the RVG is a thousand times better!*” You know, something like what Breaker would have done. I have never gone that route. I have never felt the need to.

So we are not at war with the 1602P or anyone who might like it. We are at war against error, corruption, dishonesty, the Alexandrian Critical Texts, and Westcott & Hort philosophies.

If we’ve had a problem with anything, it has been with those who support another Bible, like Robert Breaker, making asinine accusations against Dr. Gómez and the RVG in efforts to promote their Bible.

Meanwhile, while folks like Breaker are so concerned about the RVG, the 1602P has its share of problems as evidenced by the fact that the 1602P revisers are STILL working on it even after they’ve produced 2 editions of their NT and 1 edition of their completed text (with the OT). They are still correcting errors even after Breaker declared that they settled for “*nothing less than perfection*” when their completed Bible first came out.¹⁴ A new edition of the 1602P is in the works, which will be their 4th edition. And all this after they publically criticized Dr. Gómez for putting out multiple editions of the RVG. They harshly criticized Dr. Gómez for putting out multiple editions and continually making corrections *yet they are doing the same exact thing*.

On the other hand, we have not criticized them for the same. They are in their right to do whatever they believe is best. Perhaps their job would be easier if Breaker would focus more in helping them rather than bashing everyone else.

Nevertheless, the point is that we have not attacked anyone personally simply for not using the RVG. That is a lie.

Now I will admit that I have purposely come down hard on Breaker in *this* particular article. How could I not? How could you possibly respond to an article as volatile as the one most recently put out by Breaker in a gentle fashion? That is impossible. According to the Bible (Pro. 26:5), if you decide to answer a fool you must answer him “*according to his folly lest he be wise in his own conceits*”. What else do you think that means?

At any rate, this article is not an attempt to discourage people from the 1602P. Folks can do what they want. As for me and the people God has graciously given me to minister to, we will use the RVG.

As passionate as I am for the RVG I have never felt like God needed me to promote the RVG. God’s words will grow and multiply no matter what happens. The Catholic church tried hard to kill every Protestant Bible-believing Christian and burn their Bibles during the Spanish Inquisition yet the word of God only grew even more. God has promised to preserve His words. No one can stop that.

I promote the RVG simply because I love this Bible! I love the word of God! I want to share it with the whole world. I’ve dedicated my life to that purpose. And I am willing to die for it if necessary. And if that kind of attitude makes me part of a cult than mark me down as a cult member. I could care less.

A missionary here in Puerto Rico, who uses the 1960, asked me recently about how I convince people to use the RVG. I told him that the best way I know how to get folks to use the RVG is to win souls. You see, when I win a new soul to Christ one of the first things I do is put an RVG Bible in their hands. And if that person really experienced the new birth, you know what happens? They immediately experience a craving in their heart to read the word of God and learn more about Jesus. So they start to read the RVG Bible given to them and the Holy Spirit starts to speak to their hearts. The Holy Spirit (not Manny Rodriguez, Donate, Gómez, Waite, Dr. Cobb, Chick Publications, etc) convinces that new convert that this Bible he is falling in love with is indeed the very words of the living God. That Bible speaks to them in a way that is indescribable. And once they are hooked to God’s word through the power of the Holy Spirit all the ranting and raving of Robert Breaker and 100 more maniacs like him could not shake their faith in *that* Book.

This is exactly why the 1602P fails to build any type of momentum of acceptance amongst the Hispanic people like the RVG has. It’s not because of me or anyone else “shutting anyone up”. The acceptance of the 1602P in the Spanish-speaking world suffers because its supporters like Breaker are too busy making blogs, websites, and You-tube videos to attack others and to try to win this controversy through arguing. And while I am not against using these tools to help get a message out, modern devices cannot compete with the power of God. The power of God is not experienced through arguing and debates. It is experienced when a soul is transformed through the new birth. And because THAT has been the primary aim of RVG supporters, consequently, our Bible in Spanish has flourished amongst our people.

Now Breaker can sit at home and criticize our Bibles, our soul-winning efforts, our beliefs, and whatever else he doesn’t like. But at the end of the day it is Breaker’s fault, not ours, that he sacrificed a ministry as a Missionary to Honduras to try to become some kind of expert on Spanish. It is his fault that his efforts have

¹⁴ See *The History and Truth of the Gomez Bible* by Robert Breaker

failed. That was his foolish decision, not ours. Had he done what was necessary to return to Honduras where he said for years that God called him to serve, trusting in God to work out any issues to get him and his wife there (like other Missionaries to Honduras do), he could have been on the field winning souls and then putting in their hands the Bible he believes is best for them. *But Breaker blew it!* That's his fault.

People like Breaker have done more harm to their own cause than any of their opponents could ever do.

Conclusion

A wise man said one time, *"Sometimes your accusation is really your confession."* Another more popular saying is *"when you point the finger at someone else, you have 3 more pointing right back at you."* While Breaker desperately works hard to tear down other Christians, he fails to see the damage he continually does to himself.

Breaker is suffering from a bad case of frustrated ambition. As a former friend and co-laborer in the Gospel, I do feel sorry for Breaker. He has destroyed his testimony, his credibility, and his ministry through habitual lying. Yet he is angry with us as if this is all somehow our fault. The truth is that he has no one else to blame but himself. We've all tried to help him in the past. In return he basically spit in our face.

Breaker made some bad decisions. He is now paying a dear price for it.

Perhaps his worst move was trading a ministry as a missionary to Honduras to try to become a full-time "expert" on the Spanish Bible issue. He declared himself a "missionary evangelist". The "evangelist" part was so he could get an audience. The "missionary" part was so that he could still solicit the monthly financial support of churches. (Yeah, some of us weren't just born last night.) The problem is Hispanic Bible-believers, like myself for example, don't recognize him to be an authority on *anything*. To make matters worse he has burned so many bridges that no one wants to listen to anything he has to say. He has no meetings and no real ministry in which to engage real people in the real world. So now he is stuck in his home in Alabama searching for relevance and an audience through Internet blogs, websites, and You-tube videos. His plans have failed and back-fired. He now suffers from a persecution complex as he claims that he *"preached himself out of the ministry"*.¹⁵ What's worse is he blames his failures on us and refuses to take responsibility for his own actions.

God cannot bless this type of behavior.

Considering all of Breaker's problems, and our past friendship, I am tempted to feel more sorry for him than I already do. But it is hard to sympathize with a guy who continually writes the type of trash that he does against other Christians.

I do not plan to make this type of rebuttal a habit. I have resisted the temptation to respond to Breaker's madness for a long time. I understand that most of the time the best thing to do is simply ignore the vitriol of our critics. Most of the time, it is best to just turn the other cheek. But sometimes enough is enough. Once in a while exceptions must be made (Pro. 26:5).

There is much more that I could say. I intended to comment on the few textual arguments he raised in his latest article. But first off these verses have already been dealt with before by myself and others in other articles. I do have some new information concerning some of the textual issues Breaker brought up however, that I am anxious to get out for the benefit of others. For example, in regards to Verbo, Carlos Donate and I have recently found a lot more evidence proving the superiority of Verbo over the word Breaker defends. We have found several second and third century quotes supporting Verbum (the supposed Latin counterpart to Verbo), some of which pre-dates the quotes (by Tertullian) that Breaker and Riplinger try to use to defend the word Palabra in John 1:1. This kind of information is much more beneficial than the garbage dealt with in this article. But this article is already too long. So I will have to save this information for a whole new discussion, one not tainted by all the personal rubbish I've had to deal with in this one.

Nevertheless, may this article go forth as another rebuke to Robert Ray Breaker for his multitude of lies against other Christians (1 Tim. 5:20). What a horrible testimony on his behalf!

Now excuse me as I take a shower to clean this skunk smell off me.

Hosea 8:7 *"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind"*

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¹⁵ <http://truth-stands-alone.blogspot.com/2010/08/how-i-preached-myself-out-of-ministry.html>

APPENDIX A

Full letter to Robert Breaker by his former Pastor – Dr. Peter Ruckman

Mr. Breaker,

I have neither the time nor the interest to help you into the “big time” after you failed as a missionary AND evangelist.

We didn't dump you as a missionary because of any problem over ANY translation in ANY language. WE dropped you because:

1. You lied about being a pastor at Garcon Point—you only—“supplied” a couple of times when the pastor was absent. You didn't win a soul to Christ the entire time you “pastured” either in Honduras.

2. You did not really pastor anyone in Honduras.

You did exactly what you are doing now---traveling back and forth to the States. THEN you were doing it to visit your girlfriend. You are now doing it to establish yourself as an authority on foreign translations—as a “saviour” to Hispanics.

3. You have always preached a lousy “Milton Gospel” established in your hometown, (Milton, Fla.)...

The \$500 I gave to Park before you knew him, or met him, was after a conversation with him and a Mexican named Reyes. They told me they were interested in translating the AV into Spanish.

Neither one did. Reyes turned out to be a pastor who had some people in his church who wanted to revise another revision of Valera.

When Park sent you the letter that you mailed to me, he said, “Our positions” and “US.” He never mentioned his “buddy,” (you), the entire time I talked with him. YOU CONTACTED HIM AFTER I GAVE HIM THE MONEY.

Typical Breaker “move”!

If I had known YOU were involved in the translation, I would not have given him a dime.

No, sonny boy, I have never posed as an authority on any foreign translations. The interpreter uses Luther when I preach in Germany; the interpreter uses Valera when I preach in Mexico; the interpreter uses the version by Song Lee when I preach in Korea. I DON'T TELL ANY FOREIGN INTERPRETER WHAT BOOK HE USES; HE IS TRANSLATING FROM A KING JAMES SERMON FROM START TO FINISH.

Your position is so apparent that it is disgusting. There is nothing in anything you write that mentions LOST Hispanics or SOUL winning. Your MOTIVE of getting embroiled in an intellectual discussion over versions is ROTTEN. You are simply making a name for yourself by riding on the spirituality of “OTHERS.” In this case, Reyes, Park, Gómez, McArdle, and others.

You, yourself, have never produced anything. Now you are trying to get publicity by attacking BOOKS SO YOU CAN SELL YOUR OWN BOOKS, that is, according to your books which you sent me.

Our Mission Board and Board of Trustees know EXACTLY what your “ministry” is; that's why they dumped you.

All of your publicity-mad little nobodies, (trying to hotdog it all the time), only want to be recognized as SPIRITUAL LEADERS. To do this, you are forced to associate yourself sooner or later with “[Pastor's name].” You all have to hang on my shirt tail to get a hearing in the Body of Christ. Evidently, “[Pastor's name]” must be in the spotlight since all of you are struggling to get into it. You're getting connected with the wrong crew. Weldon Jones, (a life-long missionary to Hispanics), led more Hispanics to Jesus Christ in one YEAR with an “impure Valera” - THAN YOU DID IN 7 YEARS WHILE SPENDING YOUR TIME IN STOPPING THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE VALERA YOU DIDN'T LIKE.

Your “life work,” sonny boy, is your self-magnification of yourself as an authority on a foreign language.

I've never wasted half a sheet of paper, buddy, trying to prove that Diodoti, Valera, Luther, Visoiy of Michaelis were in error; nor that Olivetan or Erdosi or Song Lee should be corrected.

I was always too busy training young men as Bible believing, street preaching, soul winners, (over 400 of them), ordaining them, (over 150 of them), and sending them out as missionaries, (54 of them), to preach in 17 different foreign languages; while I was preaching in 91 prisons, where I have seen more grown men genuinely converted in A YEAR as you, or Park ,or Reyes, McVey have in seen in ten years.

In the future, send all of your mail to the head of the Bookstore, ([name left out]). I don't have time to waste with "hot-doggers"- WHOSE MOTIVES ARE NOT TO GET ANYONE SAVED; IT IS TO MAKE A GOOD INCOME FOR THEMSELVES BY ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES AS AUTHORITIES WHO CAN CHALLENGE [Pastor's name]. You all have to hang on my shirt tail. Wrong league, stupid. You're not in my league, nor are your "buddies."

You are in "THE SCHOLARLY COMMUNITY LEAGUE; STAY THERE!"

Pastor's signature "

(Note – Breaker omits his Pastor's signature.)