

Sabotaged!

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“Sabotage: deliberately damage or destroy property; spoil; make useless.”

Pardon me for a moment as I “vent” my frustration regarding my personal e-mail address which I have had from the very beginning of e-mail. (You can tell that is the case because it is still an AOL.com address! And you used to have to pay for it!) Though “sabotage” may be a bit strong, my e-mail has been taken over by advertisers and “spam” e-mailers! I spend every day deleting hundreds of e-mails for which I never asked. But I have given it out in order to receive advertisements, rewards, and notifications **of my choosing**. Obviously e-mail addresses have been sold and shared with all kinds of advertisers. Hence, when I try to read my e-mails, I have to spend several minutes daily to “clean up” my mail box. Sigh...

I know what you are thinking by now. **“Why don’t you just change your e-mail address?”** Well, I do have a Gmail account which I rarely use and which I do **not** give out to anyone. And when I do check it, there is little mail there! So that idea does work. But on the other hand, I have **years** of friends and connections which are bound to my original e-mail, and I hate to lose them, or have them lose me! Sigh...

The solution for me, for now, is to keep my original e-mail address, clean up the unwanted mail daily, and one day plan on switching over to Gmail when I have time to inform my desired contacts!

But you know what else has been “sabotaged”? **THE BIBLE**. There are over 450 so-called English “translations” of the Bible, and much like my e-mail, it causes a great deal of confusion. Sometimes I have even wondered if this isn’t directly the work of Satan. The most **reliable** “translations” are the word-for-word; the most **unreliable** are the “thought equivalent” – which basically is someone’s commentary on what they think the Bible is saying. While I understand that **one version only** is an impossible dream today, *how much easier* would it be for us to know what we believe and why if we all used the same one? Confusion is the art of Satan, and the many “translations”(?) have accomplished that. Still, **search** for a reliable one, and then **search** it!

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