

Do “New Versions” Agree with the New Age by Denying the Resurrection of Christ?

On p. 361 of *New Age Bible Versions*, Gail Riplinger writes:

New Agers often deny his death, as well. Alice Bailey writes of the life of Christ, “prior to his disappearance.” She and the NASB agree, “He never left...he apparently departed.”

(The source Riplinger cites for the quotations is *The Reappearance of the Christ* by Bailey.)

Then, on p. 362, Riplinger states:

The NASB consorts and concurs again.

This is followed by a chart meant to show the NASB’s guilt:

NASB		KJV
has been raised	I Cor. 15:16, 17	be...raised
has been raised	I Cor. 15:20	is...risen

Do the words of the NASB in these verses prove that it “consorts and concurs” with Bailey and others in the New Age movement? Do they deny he was resurrected from the dead? To answer these questions we have placed our findings in a chart.

What Riplinger Says	What the NASB Says	What the KJV Says	What is Riplinger Doing?
<p>In I Cor. 15:16, 17 the NASB ‘consorts and concurs’ with the New Age by reading ‘has been raised’ instead of ‘be...raised’.</p>	<p>16: For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;</p> <p>17: and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.</p>	<p>16: For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:</p> <p>17: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is in vain; ye are yet in your sins.</p>	<p>Paul is saying in vs. 16 that those who deny the resurrection also deny that Christ was raised from the dead. Paul was not asking a question in vs. 16 but making a statement. His point is that without Christ being raised <i>first</i>, our faith and our hope of being raised from death is in vain and our sins are not forgiven.</p> <p>The NASB is saying the same thing as the KJV.</p> <p>Riplinger places an unnecessary ellipsis in the KJV’s “be not raised”, removing “not”, changing the way it reads.</p>

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<p>In I Cor. 15:20 the NASB 'consorts and concurs' with the New Age by reading "has been raised" instead of 'is...risen'.</p>	<p>But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.</p>	<p>But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.</p>	<p>The NASB's "now Christ has been raised from the dead" is the same as the KJV's "now is Christ risen from the dead." The words "has been raised from the dead" are the same as "is risen from the dead." Someone who has been <i>raised</i> from the dead is also <i>risen</i> from the dead. God <i>raised</i> Christ up from the grave: Acts 2:24, 32, 3:15, 4:10, 13:30, etc. Because God <i>raised</i> him, he is <i>risen</i>.</p> <p>The KJV refers to Christ's resurrection as Him being "raised" from the dead in Mt. 16:21, 17:23; Lu. 9:22; Ac. 2:24, 32, 3:15, 3:26, 4:10, 5:30, 10:40, 13:30, 33, 34, 37, 17:31; Ro. 4:24, 25, 6:4, 9, 7:4, 8:11, 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14, etc. If Riplinger's argument is true, that referring to the Lord as <i>raised</i> instead of <i>risen</i> is wrong, then the KJV is also wrong for using the same terminology. She has cast aspersion on the gospel in the KJV as found in Ro. 10:9: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Riplinger has attacked the word of God in the KJV as well as other accurate versions, which read the same as the KJV. The Scripture stands witness to Riplinger's false accusation.</p>