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Subject: The LSV translation and those who commit fraud with Matthew 19. Yes, that means you, Mr. Cross

Mr. Cross and Family,

The LSV (Literal Standard Version) of the Bible was released early this year, but I am only now starting to use it. It is an update to the YLT (Young's Literal Translation) that I have used for some years, but is over 100 years old. It is not an easy read in that it is essentially word for word from the Greek, so the flow does not always fit English well.

A translation like the LSV or YLT is a great resource for study and to know what the text actually says without going to the Hebrew or Greek. For example I have pointed out many times before that the call in 2nd Timothy 4:1 is a blanket call and not specific to Timothy. The ESV is "*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus*". The NSAB and KJV is similar, but the word "you" is not in the Greek or implied. The LSV is "*I fully testify, then, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ*".

While verses like that are important, we can also look at Matthew 19 and find that it shreds the exposition of some, which would be Mr. Cross, as I have pointed out by going to the Greek. Where the ESV and NASB use "divorce" it comes from the Greek "apoluō" which is to set free or literally to "off loosen". In context it is the husband only being allow to set his wife free so that he is no longer responsible for her because of her sexual infidelity. There is no license for remarriage until one of the two are dead (Mark 10, Romans 7).

The LSV rendering is:

³*And the Pharisees came near to Him, tempting Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to **put away** his wife for every cause?"*

⁴*And He answering said to them, "Did you not read that He who made [them] from the beginning, made them a male and a female, ⁵and said, For this cause will a man leave father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and they will be—the two—for one flesh? ⁶So that they are no longer two, but one flesh; what therefore God joined together, let no man separate."*

⁷*They say to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a **roll of divorce**, and to **put her away**?"*

⁸*He says to them, "Moses for your stiffness of heart permitted you to **put away** your wives, but from the beginning it has not been so. ⁹And I say to you that whoever may **put away** his wife, if not for whoredom, and may marry another, commits adultery; and he who married her that has been **put away**, commits adultery."*

You can see that "put away" is used several times and it comes from "apoluō". There is "roll of divorce" which the "divorce" is an "apostasion", which is based on "to run away from". Together it is a document or certificate issued by the husband and not an institution that declares that he is free of his wife due to her infidelity. This becomes clear if you read it for what it says, not what you want it to mean.

Mr. Cross, when you state that it was my hardness of heart and therefore Dorothy-Jane can abandon her marriage commitment and use these verses to justify it, you are a "Pseudodidaskalos" (<http://kozlowski.org/2020-05-08+1>). Try

standing before the Lord with that label on you. There are some verses in 1st John 2 that should make you very uncomfortable. But just like to my wife, my hand is reaching out to you with grace. Please take it!

You said my wife was free due to a state decree. You placed the state above God. That is not a good idea. You said she is free to marry again, but simply ignore Jesus words in Mark 10:

¹¹and He says to them, "Whoever may put away his wife, and may marry another, commits adultery against her; ¹²and if a woman may put away her husband, and is married to another, she commits adultery."

Do you place yourself or the state above the direct words of Jesus? Oh yes, you did just that in writing.

Let's not forget Romans 7:

¹Are you ignorant, brothers—for to those knowing law I speak—that the law has lordship over the man as long as he lives?

²For the married woman to the living husband has been bound by law, and if the husband may die, she has been free from the law of the husband; ³so, then, the husband being alive, an adulteress she will be called if she may become another man's; and if the husband may die, she is free from the law, so as not to be an adulteress, having become another man's.

Just to be clear, I am not writing this from the grave. I have been alive for almost 65 years and remain very healthy. To ignore this passage also and state that Dorothy-Jane is free is hating your own daughter and stating that you are OK with her becoming an adulterous woman. But be of good cheer, as I remain fully in love with her, committed to her and have been faithful to her. As I have stated many times to Dorothy-Jane "the person who loves you is not your dad, **it is me!**"

So what can be done?

You could call the Bible a fallacy and hope that your stand is true. Hope especially that the 1st John 2 is untrue.

You could state that I am misinterpreted it and not take me on. That is the institutional church model. It is demonstrating that you are not ready to make a defense for your position, as seen in 1st Peter 3:15. Is it because you have no hope? If I have mishandled anything, do you believe that enough to rationally correct me? Probably not as that would require love and obedience to things like 2nd Timothy 4.

You could show a heart of stone toward my wife and me by ignoring me and my pleas for reconciliation. You are doing that. You know that is not a good idea.

You could write that you don't think that fast and therefore will not get on the phone with me. Oh, wait a minute, you already did that. You refuse to communicate with someone trying to reconcile with you. Are we back to the heart of stone, or is it simply pride?

Then there is the idea of doing what the postcard that was sent directly to you asks: **"Please, let's reconcile"**. Did you get that? It was done as a birthday gift for my wife. You can find the video and images of the cards at:

<http://kozlowski.org/2020-12-08+1>

As a quick reminder the video showed from Scripture where some are to be called out publicly for their sin, as Paul does to Peter in Galatians 2. This may sound familiar as I have used it repeatedly. There is the reconciliation in 2nd Peter 3 with those magnificent words "*our beloved brother*". While I used the ESV in the video, the LSV uses the same words. I also mentioned that the grave is coming for both of us. Now is the time to reconcile!

I have just demonstrated where you have twisted the Word of God to your own ends. I have demonstrated where you have shown a cold heart to my wife, my kids, and me in your deeds. I have demonstrated that you have acted as a

proud coward. I have again called for you to repent of that and reconcile with me. As I have described myself, I am a foul disgusting man. You are too. We both claim that our Lord is Jesus Christ, or at least you have in the past. Let's show it by actively pursuing reconciliation, as the Lord commands. The only barrier is your pride. **SHED IT!**

To all:

I am being very direct here. My goal is not to simply crush Mr. Cross, but reconcile with him so that we can, without hesitation and in truth, call each other our beloved brother. I will pursue this until one of us is dead or we have reconciled. It is not the pursuit I desire, but the reconciliation. It takes both parties and I am at the table.

Can you imagine the joy that could be shared if we reconcile?

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Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13