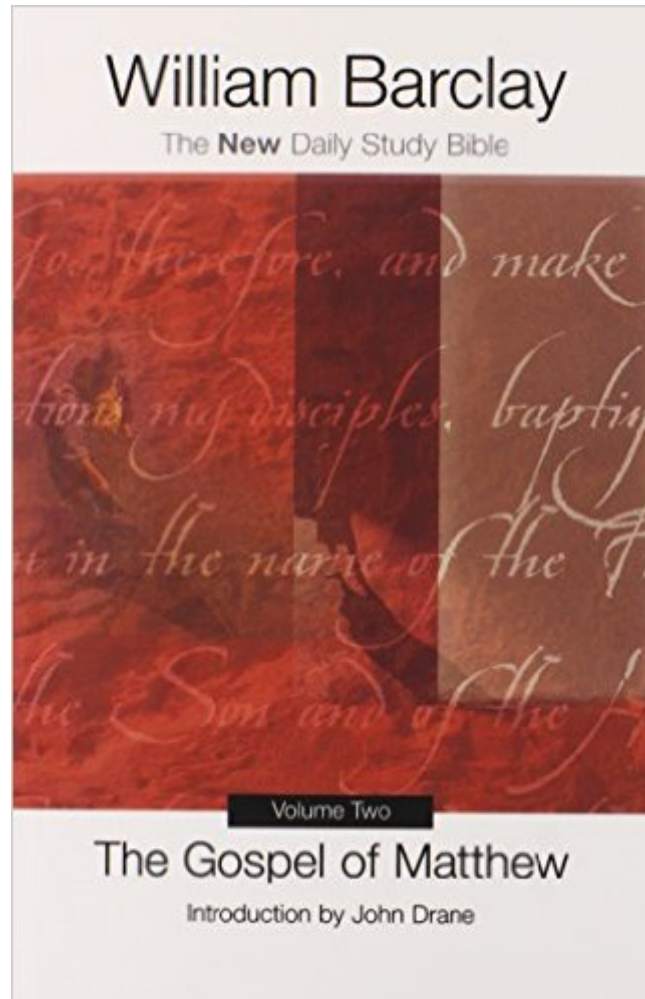


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This edition, with minor changes and corrections, is essentially the same as the revised edition issued in 1975. What this edition and the previous revised edition fail to inform the reader of is that it does not contain all of the commentary text written by William Barclay. While the 17 volumes of the previous 2nd edition (published in the 1950's) contains a total of 5,195 pages, the revised edition has only 4,541 pages, or a reduction of 12.6%. The reduction is most noticeable in the 2 volumes on Revelation, which is reduced from 528 to 415 pages, a reduction of 21.4%. In Ephesians, the revised edition contains 30 fewer pages, a reduction of 19.1% (157/127). The Gospel of John is reduced by 87 pages, a reduction of 13.7% (634/547). In the commentary in Revelation 3:1-6

(Sardis: A Lifeless Church), well over 50% of the material written by Barclay in the 2nd edition is removed in the revised edition. This reduction in pages is not solely due to differences in formatting. It is largely due to the deletion of many portions of Barclay's commentary contained in the 2nd edition. I first noticed the selective deletion of portions of Barclay's original commentary in the commentary for John 13:33-35, in which Jesus speaks of loving one another as he loved us. In the 2nd edition, Barclay so beautifully states the following: "He [Jesus] knew all their [his disciples] weaknesses and yet He still loved them. Those who really love us are the people who know us at our worst and who still love us." However, these two sentences, along with four other sentences, do not appear in the revised edition, and they do not appear in this edition. Repeatedly, key sentences and phrases are deleted from this edition.

I was very disappointed when I read that these commentaries have been modified to make them more politically correct. The first introduction by William Barclay's son, Ronnie Barclay, talks about the need for revision on page ix, "There is another very welcome improvement in the new text. My mother was one of five sisters, and my grandmother was a commanding figure as the Presbyterian minister's wife in a small village in Ayrshire in Scotland. She ran that small community very efficiently, and I always felt that my father, surrounded by so many women, was more than somewhat overawed by it all! I am sure that this is the reason why his use of English tended to be dominated by the words 'man', 'men' and so on, with the result that it sounded very male-oriented. Once again, the editor has very skilfully improved my father's English and made the text much more readable for all of us by amending the often one-sided language." Then in the editor's preface on page xix, Linda Foster, states, "But at the beginning of the twenty-first century, inclusive language and the concept of political correctness are well-established facts of life. | "inevitably, the demands of the new language have resulted in the loss of some of Barclay's most sonorous phrases, perhaps best remembered in the often-repeated words, 'many-a-man'. Nonetheless, this revision is made in the conviction that William Barclay, the great communicator, would have welcomed it." What presumptuous rubbish. Then are other "improvements" made by the editor. All of the Biblical quotations have been changed to the NRSV as she claims that this provides a more inclusive language that assists the flow of the discussion.

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