



## Museum Press Release

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### **The King James Bible Exhibition – 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration! Rare Treasures from the Dr. Charles Ryrie Bible Collection**

The year 2011 marks 400 years since the first publication of the King James Bible. To celebrate this landmark in history, the MBA – The Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas, Texas has opened a brand new exhibition of rare King James Bibles and related items, such as a handwritten letter from King James himself. Other exhibition items include: the Octavo King James 1612, The Wicked Bible of 1618, The Collected Work of King James 1616, the King James Hand Colored Bible of 1616, and the finest original King James Bible Large Folio 1611 first edition in the world.

After four hundred years, the King James Bible is considered by scholars to be the book that has had the most influence over Western civilization. Theologian and Collector Dr. Charles Ryrie states: “All aspects of the human existence have been impacted, including culture, music, literature, customs, language, poetry, and art.” The King James Bible was first printed in 1611 and it came to be known as ‘The People’s Bible’. This Bible has been universally used, accepted, and embraced.

What book has had the most affect over the English language? The answer is The King James Bible. Precise and accurate words like ‘malice’, ‘lascivious’, and ‘propitiation’ came into common use because of the King James Bible. Museum Curator Scott Peck: “Over 250 idioms have their source in the King James Bible, like: ‘feet of clay’, ‘brother’s keeper’, ‘an eye for an eye’, ‘turn the other cheek’, and ‘salt of the earth’. These sayings were not in common use until the King James Bible.” Come celebrate 400 years and attend this exciting new Bible exhibition.

### **The King James Bible Exhibition – The Charles Ryrie Bible Collection 400<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration - July 15<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011**

The MBA - The Museum of Biblical Art

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Admission: \$12 with discounts for seniors, students, and groups.

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 [www.biblicalarts.org](http://www.biblicalarts.org)