

I am in mourning over the loss of a dear friend. Fox Television cannot stop talking about a supposedly brilliant man formerly known as Prince. But one of the great generals of the 20th and 21st centuries died the same day, and there isn't a peep from the media. We had many things in common. Both of us were sign painters. Both of us were illustrators. And both of us were saved within a year of each other. We were on two sides of the continent, winning souls in different ways, but with faith in the same God and the same King James Bible. And both of us are hated by the same Christian leaders! On the other hand, how could I have bonded with a guy with such a high IQ? But God used both of us in our different ways. God used him as a brilliant man, and me as an average cartoonist, both with a heart for the lost. Right now, I imagine Pete's enemies are happy. Rome is certainly happy. The critics against the King James Bible are happy. But I'm not happy. He was one of a kind. There are so many former students who have gone out into the mission field, who are grateful for Pete's encouragement and teaching, who are taking risks all over the world because of the investment Pete made in their lives, and the burden for the lost he shared with them. But I am sure they are still heavy-hearted about his leaving them. You know, Pete always advertised three Chick tracts in every issue of the Bible Believers Bulletin. I never asked for it, but Pete always put them in. He was always encouraging to me, too, selling our tracts and books in his Bible Baptist Bookstore. Pete has gone on to his reward, and I remain. But I will never forget Dr. Peter S. Ruckman. And no matter your opinion of him, you can't say you didn't know where he stood, for the Lord and for the King James Bible.

(This was taken from an email to Pastor Kyeong Kim, a close friend and contact of Chick Publications. The Lord took Jack Chick home at Sunday of October 23. He was mightily used of God to publish millions of tracts that the Smithsonian Institute requested one of his copies. Despite of offers of financial support by Charismatics and Christian organizations if he would stop criticizing Catholicism, he rejected them and stood firm. He believed every word of the King James Bible to be God's words and defended it to the day of this death).