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Some Text-Critical Notes on the Elihu-Speeches, Job 32—37

In addition to the textual changes suggested in my little Commentary on Job in the Bible for Home and School, I would suggest the following:

In Job 34 6 for אֲכַזֵּב read with the LXX ῥησίζω; for חַזֵּי read with the LXX חָזַן, making the verse: **עַל־שִׁשְׁשֵׁי יָזַב אֲנֹשׁ חָזַן בְּלִי עֲשֵׂה**:

"Concerning my just case he counts me a liar,
Though wounded by an arrow while without transgression."

In 34 16 read בָּנָתָם for בָּנָה, and שִׁמְעֵי for שִׁמְעָה, so that the verse will run

"And if you have understanding hear this;
Give ear to the voice of my words!"

In 34 2 the address is directed to "wise men;" by changing the verbs in v. 16 to the plural it is not necessary to regard the verse as a gloss as I formerly did.

Ch. 35 3 is, when amended, as formerly suggested, really impossible Hebrew. The whole v. should be omitted with the LXX. It is probably a gloss introduced from 22 2 as a hit at Eliphaz. When it is omitted, v. 4 connects admirably with v. 2.

In 36 18 for כִּי read with LXX ἵ, omit פֶּן, and for מֵל read מֵל, so that the verse will read

"And wrath will allure thee into chastisement,
And a large ransom will not reach thee."

In the second stichos of 36 21 omit עַל with Sym. Syr. and Vulg. The meaning thus secured is: "For this thou hast chosen rather than affliction."

In 36 24 for תִּשְׁמַח read שִׂמְחָה with LXX, Cop. Syr. and Arab., making the stichos, "Remember that his work is great."

Ch. 36 33 is hopelessly corrupt; omit it with the Coptic version.

In 37 7 for אֲנֹשׁ read אֲנֹשׁ; then the verse would run

"Upon every man he sets a seal,
That every man may know his work."