

“23. I’d Like To Know – Pr. Stephen Bohr & Pr. C.A. Murray – Bible Translations” was posted on YouTube by secretsunsealed on 7/5/21. The pastors reveal they don’t have much of a clue regarding bible translations. Neither of them has a bible they believe to be infallible (which means without ANY error) despite the fact the Sister White on page 416 of *Selected Messages Book One* says that “Man is fallible but, God’s Word is infallible.”

The discussion on bible versions starts at 14:48 with the question, “I’d like to know about bible translations. Can anyone provide any pointers about selecting one? Can you all tell me about comparing them?”

There is already a problem because the questioner wants to select “one” and these men don’t have “one” they can recommend. Pastor C. A. Murray, to be referred to hereafter as C. A., believes there should be a distinction made between a translation and a paraphrase so you can be as accurate as you possibly can. He believes you should use a translation and not a paraphrase. C. A. says regarding a paraphrase, “it’s good” and they “read well” and “they’re very inspirational” but you shouldn’t use one for study. I would ask, if you can’t use a “Bible” for study, why use it at all?

Stephen Bohr picks up the torch at 16:13 and says, “Oh, I was just going to mention that uh you know you have basically two different groups of people in the Adventist Church today. You have those who are King James only (C. A. chuckles at this point) and they are uh critical usually of those who ah even use the New King James Version (C. A. murmurs “uh, uh”). Ah, because, ah, you know, the New King James Version makes, ah, some changes ah, you know, I don’t think that they’re a matter of life and death but there’s ah, distinctions and differences.

So, Stephen doesn’t think the changes are “a matter of life and death.” Keep in mind that there are blatant errors in the New King James Version (NKJV). Either Stephen doesn’t know that or he doesn’t think those errors are “a matter of life and death.” Keep in mind that on page 475 of *The Acts of the Apostles* Sister White said, regarding man’s relation to the Bible, “He is to regard the Bible as the voice of God speaking directly to him.” A bible that contradicts itself, contradicts the Spirit of Prophecy, contradicts Seventh-day Adventist doctrine and contradicts Protestant doctrine can’t be regarded “as the voice of God” and the NKJV does ALL of those things. They can chuckle and scoff at King James only believers as much as they like. Neither C. A. nor Stephen has any single (notice that single means ONE and not from a bunch from which they pick and choose) modern version they can attempt to put up against the King James Version without making fools of themselves. Here are a couple more quotations to chew on.

“He who has a knowledge of God and His word through personal experience has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures. He has proved that God’s word is truth, and he knows that truth can never contradict itself.” *The Ministry of Healing* page 462.

“Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 5 page 292.

At 16:50 C. A. says regarding bible versions, “For me, an and I know you do this to, whe, when I’m doing bible study, paticululy if I’m going to be teaching something I pull out several.” There you have it. The questioner wanted to know about selecting “one” and these guys are of the opinion that “to study” you need several bibles. They don’t have an English Bible anywhere on earth they believe to be infallible.

More wisdom from C. A. comes at 17:07 when he says, “You want to stick with, ah, something that you can understand, that is readable, um, you don’t want to use, uh, uh, a a Catholic bible or a bible that has changed the commandments or done some things like that.” Notice that NOTHING is said about choosing a Bible that has no error because they believe that ALL English bibles have some error. C. A. then says to “use several, um, good translations.” So far the question of which “one” bible to get hasn’t been answered.

At 18:01 Stephen says, “I love the King James.” I would ask, if he loves the KJV why does he preferentially use the NKJV? He says the KJV is “a good version but it has some archaic terms and it also has some difficult syntax.” Not only that “it’s written in, you know, King James English.” Stephen then says the main reason he uses the NKJV is “because, ah, it doesn’t use the archaic terms; it doesn’t say thee and thou and it doesn’t have the tortuous, ah, syntax. It doesn’t use words like, you know, ah, those who are alive and remain shall not prevent.” This is a man who likes to tell you what the Greek and Hebrew says and he’s complaining about ENGLISH! Children who know no language learn to speak English, Finnish, Chinese, Spanish, Hebrew, Greek, etc. and Stephen is complaining about ENGLISH! By the way, all it takes to understand the ”archaic” words in the KJV is an ENGLISH dictionary with NO reference to Greek, Hebrew or a fake bible.

Do you want a Bible that is all truth or one that is easier to read? Here is a verse you, C. A. and Stephen should ponder.

“Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” 1 Kings 12:28.

At 19:13 Stephen says, “And when the New King James doesn’t square with, ‘cause I always like to look at the original, when it doesn’t square with the original, then, ah, when I read from the New King James, I correct, I say, you know, this is not the correct reading, ah, you know, you really should, ah, read it in this certain.” Stephen believes he is more competent to tell you what the bible says than the fifty or so Protestant scholars who translated the KJV and he believes he is authorized and competent enough to edit the Word of God. That’s because he can read it “in the original.” In other words, if you can’t get your hands on “the original,” which neither he nor anyone else has, you can’t know what God said. In addition, since it’s unlikely that you can read Greek, Hebrew and Chaldee you will have to rely on him to tell you what God said. Consider the fact that that Ellen G. White didn’t know Greek or Hebrew and called the ENGLISH Bible infallible.

At 19:29 C. A. says that “the King James is several hundred years old. Language has changed in that time.” Sister White’s writings are over a hundred years old. Does that mean her writings should be changed? Actually, that has already been done using the same excuse C. A. just used.

The word “peradventure” is used to illustrate that English has changed. C. A. got a good laugh out of that. So far the questioner has not been told which bible (singular) to get. Stephen has kind of recommended the NKJV in that he says it’s the one he uses preferentially but he doesn’t believe that one is all truth. The majority of the discussion has been used to disparage (have you ever heard that word recently?) those who are foolish enough to believe God kept his promise.

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.” Psalms 12:6-7.

At 21:49 Stephen uses John 5:39 for an example of a verse that Sister White “used in both ways.” He doesn’t give a reference for that allegation. He says it’s used in the King James in one way and it appears in other versions in another way. I am SO GLAD that Stephen, also known as Esteban, used this example. Thank-you! Thank-you! Thank-you, Stephen! Here is that verse from the real Protestant Bible, from the NKJV, from a fake bible, a note just under that verse from the second fake bible and a quotation from Sister White’s writings about that verse.

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” John 5:39 from the KJV.

“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.” John 5:39 from the NKJV.

“Search the scriptures: for you think in them to have life everlasting. And the same are they that give testimony of me. *Or...You search the scriptures. Scrutamini...It is not a command for all to read the scriptures; but a reproach to the Pharisees, that reading the scriptures as they did, and thinking to find everlasting life in them, they should not receive him to home all those scriptures gave testimony, and through whom alone they could have that true life.*” John 5:39 with the commentary from the Douay Rheims Bible, a bible as Catholic as the pope.

“He commands them to ‘search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.’” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 2 page 171.

The NKJV is wrong and has the verse worded the way the Roman Catholic Church likes it. “Search” is a command and “you search” is merely an observation. Stephen explains the discrepancy between the KJV and the NKJV by referring to the Greek. You decide. Do you wish to believe the Lord’s messenger or Stephen who knows supposedly knows Greek.

C. A. says, regarding Stephen's exposition of the Greek, "that's pretty neat" and Stephen says, "and there are many examples like that, in the writings of Ellen White." Well Stephen, let's hear some examples so you can dig your hole deeper.

At 23:24 Stephen says, "Uh, you know, ah, when I say that I use many different versions, and I'm sure you feel the same way, um, it's not because I'm endorsing those versions." Stephen says, "I use the NIV once in awhile." This is a perfect example of why Stephen should get an English dictionary and do a little more work on English.

"endorsement 3 : a SANCTION, SUPPORT, APPROVAL <the president's wholehearted ~ of a policy> <against his father's judgment but with his mother's sympathetic ~, he decided to be a missionary -K.S.Latourette> b : RECOMMENDATION".
Definitions from Webster's Third New International Dictionary (unabridged).

So far Stephen has sanctioned, supported, approved and recommended the use of multiple bible versions. They include the NKJV, the NIV and the "original." It's doubtful that either Stephen or C. A. could read an "original" manuscript in Greek or Hebrew if you gave one to them. "Original" to them probably means going to a concordance or using software to find out what God supposedly meant. It's also a fact that over 95% of their English speaking audience are unable to read either Greek or Hebrew so you are unable to confirm what they say. This is the VERY SAME tactic used by the Roman Catholic Church in times past when they wanted to keep the Bible locked up in languages the majority of the populace couldn't read or understand. You need to understand that when Stephen and C. A. say "the Bible says" they don't mean any single English Bible on the face of the earth.

Stephen digs his hole deeper. He says the NIV is "better on the state of the dead." Check this out.

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water." 1 Peter 3:18-20 from the New International Version (NIV).

That is really easy to read. Jesus after His resurrection "made" (past tense) proclamation (spoke to) the spirits of the wicked people that died in the flood. If Jesus took the trouble to speak to them, the spirits must have been awake and He must have thought those imprisoned "spirits" still had a chance to repent and be saved. This is a perfect passage to use to teach the doctrine of Purgatory.

You should also know even if C. A. and Stephen don't, that the translation of the NIV is so loose that it should really be called a paraphrase. In addition, from a source I have confidence in, there are about 60,000 fewer words in the NIV than in the KJV. You can count the words in both versions if you like.

Stephen says he also uses the New American Standard Bible and the English Standard Version (ESV). That would be more endorsements. The ESV is a Roman Catholic bible but I doubt C. A. and Stephen know that. He says he can do that because he has checked “the original language.” If you don’t know “the original language” you must go to Stephen or someone like him to find out what God said. Roman Catholics have their priest explain what God says. Since Stephen thinks a Roman Catholic bible is OK, there shouldn’t be any problem with that.

Guess what? Stephen is going to be having a new series on the state of the dead. I’m not going to watch it but you can rest assured that Stephen will use various bibles depending on which ones have God saying what he wants Him to say.

C. A. says, regarding the state of the dead sermons, that the viewers might want to buy that series. C. A. also mentions “the Word of God” (singular) as if there is only one Word of God while in reality he believes he can take a bunch of bibles and choose what he likes because he is a professional. Does that make C. A. a liar?

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InfallibleBible.com

AdventistsToday.com

SabbathSchoolGuide.com