

“Can You Spot a Fake? It’s Getting Harder than Ever...” was posted on YouTube by Voice of Prophecy on 9/17/21. Shawn Boonstra was the host. As you read through this, try to answer several questions. Does the video have anything to do with prophecy? How much in the video is substantial and how much is fluff? How good is Shawn at identifying fakes?

Shawn starts by saying, “What if the world, as you experience it, is not exactly the way you think it is? What if the evidence of your senses has been lying to you? And what if the things you hear and see as you make your way through life aren’t actually real?

At 0:22 music starts which definitely isn’t church music and plays through much of the video. It would probably fit well in an old west movie where someone was about to be shot or nearly shot. Supposedly, per the caption, it’s supposed to be “upbeat music.” I don’t think so.

At 3:38 Shawn says, “So at some point, a at some point, when you’re listening to computer generated voices, you are going to hear the difference. The computer’s going to get something wrong, ever so slightly. And that’s gonna make you feel just a little bit uncomfortable. It’s a phenomenon we call the uncanny valley.” The “uncanny valley” was a new one on me and I can’t see that it’s at all important but Shawn uses that phrase a number of times in the video so I guess you should know what it means.

At 7:38 Shawn, with a model of a brain sitting on a table beside him, talks about the dangers of “deep, fake videos.” Deep fake videos are videos that have people in said videos saying things they never said. I agree that’s a deceptive and bad thing. That’s a good reason to be skeptical of videos and actually study a real infallible Bible that has no error. I would like to think this video was a deep fake video but, sadly, I think it was actually Shawn speaking.

At 8:37 Shawn says, “I watch TV.” I haven’t watched TV for several years and have been better for it. Admittedly, watching videos on YouTube is similar but at least I am able to choose the good stuff that doesn’t waste my time.

At 11:38 an ad starts with more “upbeat music” that isn’t as bad as the first upbeat music. In it “the Bible” is mentioned as a book that has “all the answers.” Notice that “the Bible” means a specific Bible as opposed to “a Bible” which would mean anything called “a Bible.” We will look at one of “all the answers” Shawn’s fake bibles give and we’ll actually look at a prophetic book (remember this was posted by the Voice of Prophecy) that are not mentioned at all in this deep fake (I wish) video.

At 12:36 Shawn discusses what happens if you watch “too much TV.” Actually, watching very little TV can be too much TV.

At 13:13 Shawn admits he’s not a “neuroscientist” as he reaches over and picks up his model brain. Or maybe it’s a real brain? No, don’t think it’s a real brain since I don’t see any blood vessels on the surface thereof. Also, when he picks it up it doesn’t appear to indent at all. Or, maybe it could be a pickled brain?

At 14:08 talks about the “pick and choose” method of listening to information.

At 14:18 Shawn mentions “confirmation bias.” You can go your entire life using your infallible Bible while not knowing what confirmation bias is and do just fine. The ones that need to understand confirmation bias are those in the habit of using fake bibles.

At 14:56 the “Ptolemaic model” is mentioned. You don’t have to know that either.

At 15:59 Shawn says, “you have to pick and choose the information.” That is what Seventh-day Adventist ministers using fake bibles frequently do.

At 16:18 Shawn says, “in a world where people are deliberately fabricating stuff, it becomes more and more important to know what you’re going to believe and why you wanna believe it.” He then says “we’re living in a sea of very bad information.” I agree with that and Shawn is participating.

At 18:07 “a Bible based program for kids” is advertised. Notice that is advertised on a YouTube channel hosted by a man who is apparently unaware of what his fake “Bible” of choice says.

At 18:59 a discussion of “counterfeits” starts with money being used as an example. Ask yourself, how much error in a dollar bill would make it a counterfeit also known as a fake? Then ask yourself how much error in a “Bible” would it take to make it a fake?

A piece of good advice comes at 19:36 where Shawn says that the way to know something is true is to “spend a lot of time studying the truth.”

At 20:38 Shawn says you need “an outside source of authority” to know what is true. He then says that’s “where an ancient book like the Bible suddenly has some really useful things to say.” Interestingly, Shawn says “the Bible” is an “ancient book” and at the same time uses a bible that was first published in the 1900s, which isn’t ancient, in favor of a Bible published in 1611 which isn’t ancient either and that’s probably because the not ancient 1611 King James Version (KJV) has become for him, “too hard to read.” LOL.

Whilst picking up a black book at 20:52, Shawn says, “And here’s where an ancient book like the Bible suddenly has some really useful things to say, because it’s terribly honest about the limits of human perception.” Notice again that it’s “the Bible.” Opening his black book he says, “Just listen to this from the book of Proverbs.” This is the first mention of ANY bible passage during this video.

I will now quote the various verses Shawn used exactly as quoted with no quotation marks supplied my me.

Proverbs 16:25 as it reads in the Modern English Version (MEV)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

John 14:9 which could be from the New King James Version (NKJV) or the MEV

...he who has seen Me has seen the Father.

John 18:20-23 from the NKJV

Jesus answered him, ‘I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said.’ And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, ‘Do You answer the high priest like that?’ Jesus answered him, ‘If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?’

John 18:37 from the NKJV or the MEV

Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

John 18:38 from the NKJV or the MEV

Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

At this point Shawn says, “Now I understand a lot of people have trouble believing that real truth actually exists.” No kidding and I’ll show you one of the reasons why.

John 14:6 which could be from the NKJV, the MEV, the KJV, the New Living Translation, the God’s Word Translation and probably many more.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

At 23:45 Shawn says, whilst a photo of a priest ministering in a Catholic church is shown, “Forget what all the religious people say about this, because, well, a, I’ve gone around the block enough times to know that some of those religious folks you see on TV, they’re also in the business of creating deep fakes.” This is followed by, “Because I’m telling you there is truth and there is something out there you can count on for sure. Something you can believe. And when you find that you will suddenly have the ability to detect a fake because the lies will leave you in the uncanny valley.” The latter is spoken while waving around a black book that I presume is a bible.

At 24:52 a photo of the cover of a KJV Bible is shown.

The credits were shown at 27:21. This is a video about fakes going a little less than thirty minutes with nary a mention of fake bibles and Shawn saying “there is something out there you can count on for sure” all the while using fake bibles for what little Scripture he quoted.

Shawn said when you find “something you can believe” you will be able to detect a fake. OK. Detect the fake.

“Thou are the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.” Ezekiel 28:14-15, 18 from the KJV.

“You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. ‘You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.” Ezekiel 28:14-15, 18 from the NKJV which appears to be Shawn’s favorite “the Bible.”

This is a prophecy unlike all the other Scripture passages quoted during this presentation by the Voice of Prophecy. Every Seventh-day Adventist minister would agree that this passage is speaking about Lucifer who became the Devil, the Dragon and Satan. Notice that in the KJV Satan will be turned (future tense) to ashes. In the NKJV, Satan has been “turned” (past tense) to ashes so Satan is dead and no longer of any concern.

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