

“White Out: Whatever Happened to the Gift of Prophecy?-Part2 – Mark Howard” was posted on YouTube by Michigan Conference on 7/17/19.

Around 1:02:59 Mark says, “And folks, this is at the heart of when we’re talking about inspiration and you need to understand that we’re in an age, where it’s not just the writings of Ellen White, she makes this very plain, but many Christians, entire denominations, view the Bible from a higher critical standpoint, instead of the the thought inspiration. Speaking of the Bible he says, it’s “completely inspired of God from cover to cover” and that “there’s no opinion in there; it’s all God’s word.” He goes on to say that “your view of inspiration will affect, will greatly affect its impact on your life.” And the most important thing he said; “If you believe that the Bible some of it’s inspired and some of it isn’t, it’s going to rob the Bible of its ability to change your life.”

I enthusiastically agree with ALL of those statements. Mark uses the New King James Version (NKJV) almost exclusively and refers to it as “the Bible.” He also gives an EXCELLENT defense of the prophetic ministry of Ellen G. White. Now here are some questions that relate to the inspiration of the NKJV and the Spirit of Prophecy. Keep in mind Mark said the Bible is “completely inspired of God from cover to cover.”

“I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them.” Exodus 6:3 from the NKJV.

“And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.” Exodus 6:3 from the King James Version (KJV).

Notice that the NKJV says God had not been known by the name LORD to Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. Here is the LORD speaking to Abraham.

“Then He said to him, ‘I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.’” Genesis 15:7 from the NKJV.

Was that God speaking in the NKJV? Was the NKJV inspired by the Holy Ghost?

““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 28:18 from the NKJV.

This verse is well known to be referring to Lucifer who became Satan. If the NKJV is inspired by the Holy Ghost you have to believe Satan has been turned to ashes and is dead.

“Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister’s son to Barnabas (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)”. Colossians 4:19 from the KJV.

“Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),” Colossians 4:19 from the NKJV.

“Barnabas, on the other hand, was inclined to excuse Mark, who was his nephew, because of his inexperience.” *The Spirit of Prophecy* volume three page 353.

So tell me, which of the above were inspired by the Holy Ghost? Just to be clear, “sister’s son to Barnabas” makes Mark, Barnabas’ nephew and not his cousin.

Are those the only problems with the NKJV? No. Not even close but it’s all I have time for.

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