

Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* for the Third Quarter of 2022

This is a review of the entire *Seventh-day Adventist Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) for the third quarter of 2022 titled “In the Crucible with Christ.” In this SSBSG nine different bibles were used two of which are Roman Catholic Bibles. I counted the number of times each was used. I did not count them twice so my count could be off a little. I did not count quotations that I found could have been from more than one bible and I did not count “Scripture” quotations that appeared within a quotation. The numbers were as follows:

New King James Version (NKJV) quotations: 109.
King James Version (KJV) quotations: 3.
New American Standard Bible (NASB) quotations: 5.
Amplified Bible (AMP) quotations: 1.
New Century Version (NCV) quotations: 1.
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV): 4.
New International Version (NIV): 63.
English Standard Version (ESV) quotations: 1.
The Message (TM) quotations: 1

All memory texts were from the NKJV except for one that was from the NIV.

Inside the front cover of the SSBSG there is a list of bibles used and they are all called “Scripture” with no disclaimer as to any defects in any of them. Also, within the first four pages you will find the phrases “Word of God” and “God’s Word” and “the Bible” all of which mean that what is referred to as “Scripture” is the result of the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. I would take this as an endorsement of all of them as being “the Bible” by the principal contributor, Gavin Anthony, by the longtime editor of the SSBSG, Clifford Goldstein, and by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Page numbers referenced will be as in the Standard Edition of the SSBSG unless otherwise noted.

LESSON 1. The Shepherd’s Crucible

On page 7 it says “God doesn’t change, of course.” If God doesn’t change I guess the meaning of His Word doesn’t change either.

On page 10 it would appear that Gavin and Clifford, didn’t quite think through the meaning of Ephesians 6:12 in all the fake bibles he used. Since he quoted from the NRSV we’ll go with that one and if you have one of the other fake bibles you trust like the NKJV, the NIV, the ESV, etc., you can research it on your own if you like.

“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”
Ephesians 6:12 from the NRSV.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12 from the KJV also known as the real Bible.

In the KJV, what we wrestle against is powers of various kinds, rulers of darkness which would include Satan and his angels and “against spiritual wickedness in high places.” The “spiritual wickedness in high places” would include those in high places of various kinds and perhaps even some princes of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In the NRSV it would appear that the only evil we’ll have to combat Satan and the other fallen angels.

There is another problem. The phrase “heavenly places” only occurs in four other verses in the NRSV and it occurs in the same verses in the real Bible.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 1:3 from the NRSV.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” Ephesians 1:3 from the KJV.

“God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,” Ephesians 1:20 from the NRSV.

“Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 1:20 from the KJV.

“and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:6 from the NRSV.

“And hath raised us up together, and made use sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:6 from the KJV.

“so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Ephesians 3:10 from the NRSV.

“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.” Ephesians 3:10 from the KJV.

Do you notice anything in the above four verses that even hints that there should be any “spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places?” No, there is no evil in “heavenly places” now nor was there in Paul’s time.

“The Son of God, the Prince of Heaven, and his loyal angels, engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from Heaven. All the heavenly host acknowledged and adored the God of justice. Not a taint of rebellion was left in Heaven.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 1 page 23.

On page 11 Gavin does what blowhards do. He imagines that he knows what the Bible should say because of his superior knowledge of Hebrew. That would be knowledge of Hebrew superior to the dozens of translators who translated the bibles he used in this SSBSG. He says, “Some translations say that goodness and unfailing love (God’s covenantal commitment) will ‘follow’ me all the days of my life. However, the original verb is much stronger, and the text should read that goodness and unfailing love will ‘pursue’ me all the days of my life.” Since Gavin thinks the verse should say “pursue” I looked for a bible that said that and the Jehovah’s Witnesses came to the rescue. Their bible says:

“Surely goodness and lovingkindness themselves will pursue me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah to the length of days.” Psalms 23:6 from the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (NWTHS).

Since the translators of the NWTHS apparently, by Gavin’s criteria, have superior translating talents, perhaps Gavin should accept John 1:1 from that bible.

“In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god.” John 1:1 from the NWTHS.

With my knowledge of English, I know that “a god” isn’t equal to “God.”

On page 15 in the teachers edition in the “Teachers Comments” section of the SSBSG it says, “Fledgling Christianity was at first called ‘the Way’ (*Acts 9:2; Acts 19:9, 23; Acts 22:4, Acts 24:14, 22*) or ‘the way to be saved’ (*Acts 16:17, NIV*). Apollos was ‘instructed in the way of the Lord’ and received even more instruction while on it (*Acts 18:25, 26 NKJV*).”

Gavin apparently isn’t the author of the Teachers Comments section but rather Gheorghe Razmerita who is an associate professor in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in Silang, Cavite, Philippines.

Here are the verses Gheorghe mentioned first from the real Bible and then from the fake one he used to show Christianity was at first called “the Way.”

“And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were of men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.” Acts 9:2 from the KJV.

“and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.” Acts 9:2 from the NIV.

“But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.” Acts 19:9 from the KJV.

“But some of them became obstinate: they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.” Acts 19:9 from the NIV.

“And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.” Acts 19:23 from the KJV.

“About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way.” Acts 19:23 from the NIV.

“And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.” Acts 22:4 from the KJV.

“I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison.” Acts 22:4 from the NIV.

“But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.” Acts 24:14 from the KJV.

“However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets.” Acts 24:14 from the NIV.

“And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, when Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.” Acts 24:22 from the KJV.

“Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. ‘When Lysias the commander comes,’ he said, ‘I will decide your case.’” Acts 24:22 from the NIV.

Here are some things Gheorghe may have overlooked.

“And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and

taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” Acts 11:26 from the KJV.

“and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.” Acts 11:26 from the NIV.

“For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.” Acts 24:5 from the KJV.

Go up and read again Acts 24:14 where “the Way” appears and then notice that just a few verses before that (Acts 24:5) it mentions not “the Way” but rather the “sect of the Nazarenes.”

Gheorge imagines “the Way” is what early Christians were called. Something else he may not know is that the phrase “the way” first occurred back in Genesis 3:24 in the real Bible where it says “the way of the tree of life.” The second time it occurs is in Genesis 16:7 where it says “the way to Shur.” The third time it occurs is in Genesis 18:6 where it says “and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.” That phrase occurs a total of 374 times in the real Bible and the majority of the times it’s in the Old Testament. Try capitalizing all of those ways and see how stupid it looks. In addition, if Christians were known as Christians back in Acts 11:26 why would they still be called “the Way” in chapters 19, 22 and 24? Reading too many fake bibles leads to fake conclusions.

“Webster notes that, ‘Abstract ideas or inanimate objects ‘are capitalized only when personified.’ As a result, the ‘Beginning’ (for Arians) and the ‘Unleavened Bread’ (for Sacramentalists) become Jesus Christ, when the text intends no such interpretation. The capitalization of the term the ‘Way’ is blatantly New Age.” *New Age Bible Versions* by G. A. Riplinger page 276.

LESSON 2. The Crucibles That Come

On page 17 a verse is quoted from the NKJV that Gavin may not know the meaning of.

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.” Romans 1:18 from the NKJV.

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;” Romans 1:18 from the KJV.

Only one of the words is different. It should be no surprise that unrighteous men would “suppress” the truth. That’s expected. To “hold the truth in unrighteousness” means

someone professes to believe and practice the truth but in actuality is living an unrighteous life.

In the “Teachers Comments” section on page 27 part of 1 Peter 3:18 is quoted from the NRSV. It is part of a passage that Seventh-day Adventist ministers have problems with.

“For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 from the NRSV.

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved through water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 from the KJV.

In the NRSV Jesus was “made alive in the spirit.” In other words, it wasn’t His flesh and blood body that was made alive. Jesus’ spirit then preached to wicked people who had died in the flood. If Jesus preached to them there must have been a chance for them to be saved. The place where He would have to have been preaching to spirits of wicked dead people would be purgatory. In the KJV, Jesus is raised “by” the spirit. That would be the Holy Spirit which preached to the wicked antediluvians through Noah.

LESSON 3. The Birdcage

On page 39 and 40 of the “Teachers Comments” section there is something that is truly priceless. Gheorghe says, “In May-June of 2019, Pope Francis sparked a controversy by officially endorsing a change in the Lord’s Prayer. Instead of ‘lead us not into temptation,’ the new Roman Catholic version of the Lord’s Prayer would read ‘do not let us fall into temptation.’ The pope’s main argument was that the translation ‘lead us not into temptation’ is wrong from theological and pastoral points of view, as the phrase identifies God as the tempter instead of Satan.” Gheorghe goes on to say, “we must try to understand the text and its message rather than to change the biblical text or its translation to help resolve its mysteries in a way that a certain culture or person feels is more appropriate.”

Go back and read where on page 11 Gavin claimed Psalms 23:6 should say “pursue” instead of “follow.” Seventh-day Adventist ministers do similar things ALL THE TIME. In addition, THIS *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* uses two Roman Catholic Bibles that HAVE ALREADY CHANGED THE LORD’S PRAYER in the way Pope Francis said it should be changed and they did it LONG BEFORE 2019. Gheorghe also used one of those bibles in his doling out of wisdom to Sabbath School teachers and that “the

Bible” has reworded more than the Lord’s prayer to correspond with Roman Catholic doctrine.

“And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.”
Matthew 6:13 from the NRSV published in 1993.

“Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You’re in charge! You can do anything you want! You’re ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.”
Matthew 6:13 from TM published in 2013.

In case you missed it, “do not bring us to the time of trial” and “keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil” are just other ways of saying “do not let us fall into temptation” like Pope Francis wants it to say.

And here comes another shocker. The NRSV isn’t wrong in Matthew 6:13. I’ll bet you didn’t see that coming. Another meaning of “tempt” is “test” as an English dictionary will show you. The KJV in saying “lead us not into temptation” is saying “lead us not into tests” or you could rephrase that as “keep us in safe paths.” The Roman Catholic Church detests the KJV so tries to find fault with it where no fault exists.

Please understand that I in no way believe the KJV is wrong anywhere nor do I believe any wording needs to be changed. Seventh-day Adventists, especially the ministers and scholars, just need to use their brains and an ENGLISH dictionary and stop trying to find fault with the real Protestant Bible and need to stop endorsing fake bibles.

Gheorghe continues his denunciation of changing the Lord’s prayer on page 42 of the “Teachers Comments” section where he says, “Such revision also is dangerous for another reason: it sets yet another precedent for changing the Word of God because of human and cultural impulse.” I agree with that statement. Could it be that Gheorghe Razmerita, PhD isn’t aware that EVERY “the Bible” used in this SSBSG except one have made worse revisions?

LESSON 4. Seeing the Goldsmith’s Face

Except for the use of fake bibles, I found nothing objectionable in this lesson.

Here’s a problem with both of the fake bibles used in this lesson.

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready’. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” Revelation 19:7-8 from the NKJV.

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.’ (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)”. Revelation 19:7-8 from the NIV.

Here is what the real Bible says.

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” Revelation 19:7-8 from the KJV.

Here is Spirit of Prophecy commentary on that passage.

“The fine linen, says the Scripture, ‘is the righteousness of saints.’ It is the righteousness of Christ. His own unblemished character, that through faith is imparted to all who receive Him as their personal Saviour.” *Christ’s Object Lessons* page 310.

The NKJV and the NIV teach righteousness by works in that passage. The only way we can be saved is by being clothed in Christ’s righteousness. Gheorghe, who was so concerned about the pope’s proposed change to the Lord’s prayer, should be very concerned about this change to God’s Word.

LESSON 5. Extreme Heat

On the first page of this lesson you will find, “How much heat is God willing to risk putting His people through in order to bring about His ultimate purpose of shaping us into the ‘image of his son’ (*Rom. 8:29, NIV*)? See the quotation of the small phrase that’s said to come from the NIV? You can find that very same phrase in most of the other bibles used in this SSBSG including the KJV. Since the KJV is in the public domain, there would have been no need to give any credit to any particular translation unless it was a mistake or a desire to publicize the goodness of the NIV.

The majority of “Bible” passages quoted in this lesson are from the NIV. Just so you know, there are said to be over 60,000 fewer words in the NIV than there are in the KJV. Gheorghe, being the doctor of the law, should have warned Gavin about using a “the Bible” that had been changed so much.

One of the passages you’re supposed to read for this lesson is the entirety of Genesis 22. Here is one of the verses from that chapter that illustrates what you can miss when you use a fake bible.

“And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.” Genesis 22:8 from the KJV.

“Abraham answered, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’ And the two of them went on together.” Genesis 22:8 from the NIV.

“And Abraham said, ‘My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.’ So the two of them went together.” Genesis 22:8 from the NKJV.

If you have studied too much Greek and Hebrew, you may have missed this. Where it says in the KJV, “God will provide himself a lamb” it means God Himself was going to be the lamb. Where it says “God himself will provide the lamb” in the NIV and “God will provide for Himself the lamb” in the NKJV it means God was going to get a lamb from somewhere but it wouldn’t necessarily be God Himself that was going to be the lamb.

Some may believe that the promise was fulfilled because, as all of those three versions say, Abraham ended up sacrificing a “ram” that was caught in a thicket by its horns. A sheep that had horns long enough to be caught in a thicket by its horns, would have been too old to call a lamb. God didn’t provide a lamb that day; He provided a ram that symbolized the coming Redeemer, the Lamb of God.

LESSON 6. Struggling With All Energy

On page 47 the question is asked, “Have you ever prayed ‘Please God, make me good!’ but little seems to change?” There are a number of possible reasons. It may be that you wish to be rid of one bad habit but want to hang on to the rest. There is no point in God ridding you of one bad habit when you don’t wish to be entirely clean. Another reason is that there are some sins that easily beset us that we’re capable of doing a lot to rid ourselves of if we weren’t too lazy to try. Finally, some wish to be cured of the disease of sin but don’t wish to take the medicine. The medicine is the Word of God that must be taken in at least daily.

Also on page 47 it says, “In this passage, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the ‘Spirit of truth’ (*John 16:13, NIV*). Quoting it that way would make it appear that the phrase “Spirit of truth” is unique to the NIV. Actually, that exact phrase also occurs in that verse in the KJV, the NKJV, the NASB, the NCV, the NRSV and the ESV. My theory is that Gavin uses the NIV a lot thinking it’s “God’s Word” and didn’t take the time to see what it said in the other bibles used in this lesson quarterly.

By the way, I’m now officially sick of reading “crucible” with variations thereof in this lesson quarterly. It’s way overdone. The only bibles in which “crucible” occurs in bibles used in this lesson quarterly are the NASB, the NRSV, the NIV and the ESV. Here is what Gavin’s revered and fake as a three dollar bill NIV says compared to the real Bible.

“The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but people are tested by their praise.” Proverbs 27:21 from the NIV.

“As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold, so is a man to his praise.” Proverbs 27:21 from the KJV.

I think “fining pot” works just fine.

On page 82 of the “Teachers Comments” section, there’s a sentence that illustrates why you should read a whole verse or passage and not assume it says what the scholar says it says. Here is a quotation exactly as it appears in the SSBSG without any added quotation marks by me.

Because of the transgression of Adam, all people “were made sinners”
(*Rom. 5:19, NKJV*).

In that sentence it would appear that the NKJV said “all people were made sinners” when the NKJV, as bad as it is, doesn’t say that.

“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.” Romans 5:19 from the NKJV

Though all men are born with sinful natures, and that includes Jesus Christ, a man doesn’t sin until he does something contrary to the Law of God. A baby who only knows how to say “da da” doesn’t have a brain developed enough to have committed sin.

LESSON 7. Indestructible Hope

On page 57, Gavin is allegedly quoting the NIV where it says “Babylon the Great” in Revelation 18:2. Actually, the only way that phrase is different in the NKJV, the KJV, the NASB, the AMP, the NRSV and ESV is that “great” isn’t capitalized in them. His frequent quotation of snippets of bible verses in various places may give you the impression that this lesson quarterly is “Bible” based when almost all of the bibles used are fakes.

Here are two key texts for Seventh-day Adventists who believe evidence for us being the end time remnant church is because we **have** the Spirit of Prophecy.

“And I fell at his feet to worship him, And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10 from the KJV.

“At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.’” Revelation 19:10 from the NIV.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17 from the KJV.

“Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commandments and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.” Revelation 12:17 from the NIV.

Seventh-day Adventist ministers can’t use the NIV for either of those verses even though they contend that the NIV is “the Bible,” “the Scriptures,” “God’s Word,” etc. In Revelation 19:10 the NIV there is no definition of the “testimony of Jesus” being the

“Spirit of prophecy.” In Revelation 12:17, the NIV doesn’t say the “offspring” even have the “testimony of Jesus.”

There’s another three word snippet of a bible verse on page 59 to look at. It says, “But when we do remember that He is Immanuel, ‘God with us,’ it makes a difference.” We’ll look at the passage it’s taken from using the real Bible and the fake one Gavin mostly uses in this lesson. On second thought, since the message is the same, we’ll use the fake bible used for the memory text for this lesson.

“Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” Matthew 1:22-23 from the KJV.

“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’” Matthew 1:22-23 from the NKJV.

The prophet that told this prophecy to King Ahaz was Isaiah.

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 from the KJV.

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 from the NKJV.

The KJV in both places says “a virgin” and the NKJV, and for that matter the NIV and many other fake bibles, say “the virgin” in both passages. If it was “the virgin” then “the virgin” would have to have been alive and known to both Isaiah and King Ahaz at that time. If “the virgin” was alive at that time, another fantastic miracle would have taken place because she would have been several hundred years old when she bore Jesus Christ.

On page 95 of the “Teachers Comments” section Gheorghe the scholar, says, “All three Persons of the Godhead are part of the fountain of hope.” There is one passage in the real Bible that Unitarians and those who believe Jesus was a created being are very uncomfortable with because it clearly teaches the doctrine of the Trinity and Gheorghe didn’t use it.

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.” 1 John 5:7-8 from the KJV.

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.” 1 John 5:7-8 from the NIV.

The NIV has omitted 1 John 5:7 and replaced it with part of 1 John 5:8. Gheorghe, who was so concerned with the pope's proposed change to the Lord's prayer, should be very concerned about this. The fact is that ALL the bibles used in this SSBSG have done the same except for the KJV and the NKJV. I have a NKJV Andrews Study Bible and though it has 1 John 5:7-8 it has a marginal reading that says:

“NU M omit the words from *in heaven* (v. 7) through *on earth* (v. 8). Only 4 or 5 very late mss. contain these words in Greek.”

In other words, you aren't supposed to believe that all of verse 7 and 8 really belongs there. Here is something that should forever lay to rest any doubt that those words belong there just as the passage reads in the KJV.

“The doctrine that three persons are united in one Godhead finds its main support in the grossly falsified passage in the Epistle of John, the correct version of which reads: ‘For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit, the water, and the blood: and the three of them are in accord’. (*1st John 5:8.*) To this has been added the spurious sentences: ‘And there are three who bear witness in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Spirit, and these three are one’.” *Communication with the Spirit World* by Johannes Greber page 369.

Communication with the Spirit World contains quotations of what a demon said speaking through a man. That demon who has been around since before the creation of the world would know what the Bible was supposed to say and it's doubtful that the demon was trying to be helpful to Christians by explaining what the Bible is supposed to say. If a “the Bible” says what a demon said it should say instead of what the real Bible says, that should be enough to expose it as a Satanic fake.

LESSON 8. Seeing the Invisible

On page 65 there is a quotation from TM that Gavin is giving the dignity of being “the Bible” by quoting Romans 8:32 from it.

Here is what it says in Romans 16:24 in TM... Huh. There's nothing there! It's invisible!

If you wish to see the invisible Romans 16:24 you can't use the NASB, the NRSV, the NIV or the ESV. You can see it in the NKJV, the KJV, the AMP and the NCV.

LESSON 9. A Life of Praise

This lesson would have been OK if it wasn't for the fake bibles used. The favored bible for this lesson was the NIV. Here is a key verse for Seventh-day Adventists first from the real Bible and then from the NIV.

“And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14 from the KJV.

“He said to me, ‘It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated.’” Daniel 8:14 from the NIV.

This is the 2,300 prophetic day prophecy, equal to 2,300 years, that reaches to the fall of 1844. The KJV says that the sanctuary will be cleansed after 2,300 years have elapsed. The cleansing of the sanctuary that was prophesied was the antitype of the day of atonement of the Old Testament. Jesus began his ministry in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary for the antitypical day of atonement in the fall of 1844.

The NIV teaches something different. Some process will take “2,300 evenings and mornings” instead of something starting after that time. Reconsecration of the sanctuary is not the same as the day of atonement. In addition, the “2,300 evenings and mornings” is taken by some to mean evening and morning sacrifices which would cut the time in half. If you wish to believe the NIV is the Word of God, you have to discard the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary and the investigative judgement starting in 1844.

LESSON 10. Meekness in the Crucible

In the Teachers Comments section starting at the bottom of page 132 and continuing to about half of page 134 the subject is the opinion of Friedrich Nietzsche who famously wrote “God is dead” in several of his works.

“Suffer not yourselves to open the lids of a book that is questionable. There is hellish fascination in the literature of Satan. It is the powerful battery by which he tears down a simple religious faith. Never feel that you are strong enough to read infidel books; for they contain a poison like that of asps.” *Fundamentals of Christian Education* page 93.

I see no reason for a discussion of the infidel Friedrich Nietzsche’s opinions in the SSBSG. Friedrich’s opinions on everything would best be forgotten.

The Voice of Prophecy at one time was, in my opinion, a good Seventh-day Adventist ministry. That has changed. Back on 3/6/21 Shawn Boonstra devoted an episode on the Voice of Prophecy YouTube channel to a discussion of Friedrich’s opinions. I posted the above quotation from the *Fundamentals of Christian Education* in the comments section of the YouTube video with no additional commentary of my own. The quotation was removed by 3/9/21. The opinion of the Lord’s Messenger apparently offended Shawn or one of his helpers.

LESSON 11. Waiting in the Crucible

On page 90, you are asked to “Think about, for instance, the 70 week prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 that points to Jesus as the Messiah (review it if you need to).” The real Bible mentions the Messiah in Daniel 9:25 and Daniel 9:26. Those verses don’t name the Messiah in the NCV, the NRSV, the NIV, the ESV and TM; that is over half of the bibles used in this SSBSG. Omitting Messiah from those verses separates the Messiah from Daniel’s prophecy.

LESSON 12. Dying Like a Seed

On page 97 it says, “In order to be in a position to save us, Jesus gave up His equality with the Father and moved to earth in the form and limitations of a human being (*Phil. 2:6, 7, NIV*). Here is what the NIV says.

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” *Philippians 2:6-7 from the NIV.*

The passage does NOT say Jesus gave up His equality with the Father and in fact AFFIRMS His equality with Him when it says “did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage.”

In the “Teachers Comments” section on page 158, Gheorghe, who was shocked and appalled that the pope recommended changing the wording of the Lord’s prayer, apparently is accepting without a whimper, a passage in the NKJV that made a meaningful change. He says, “In addition, during the temptation, the serpent insists that if Eve eats of the forbidden tree, her ‘eyes will be opened’ and she ‘will be like God, knowing good and evil’” (*Gen 3:4,5, NKJV*).

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” *Matthew 5:48 from the KJV.*

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” *Genesis 3:4-5 from the KJV.*

It is not a sin to wish to be “like God.” It is a sin to wish to be “as gods” because that means you wish to be a god yourself.

LESSON 13. Christ in the Crucible

There’s a quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy found on page 107.

“Christ was now standing in a different attitude from that in which He had ever stood before. His suffering can best be described in the words of the prophet, ‘Awake, O sword against My Shepherd and against the man that is My fellow, saith the Lord of hosts.’ *Zech. 13:7*. As the substitute and surety for sinful man, Christ was suffering under divine justice.” *The Desire of Ages*, p. 686.

Mention of the verse previous to *Zechariah 13:7* may be found in another Spirit of Prophecy book.

“Even the manner of His death had been shadowed forth. As the brazen serpent had been uplifted in the wilderness, so was the coming Redeemer

to be lifted up, 'that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' John 3:16. 'One shall say unto Him, What are these wound in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends.' Zechariah 13:6." Page 226 of *The Acts of the Apostles*.

Here's one of the aforementioned verses from the real Bible and from the two fakes most used in this SSBSG as well as two bibles not used in this SSBSG.

"And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." Zechariah 13:6 from the KJV.

"And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.' Zechariah 13:6 from the New King James Version (NKJV) Andrews Study Bible.

"If someone asks, 'What are these wounds on your body?' they will answer, 'The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.'" Zechariah 13:6 from the NIV Andrews Study Bible.

"Y si alguien le pregunta: '¿Qué heridas son estas en tus manos?', él responderá: 'Las recibí en casa de mis amigos'. Zacarías 13:6 from the Reina-Valera 1995 (RV95) Andrews Study Bible.

"Se alguém lhe disser: Que feridas são essas nas tuas mãos?, responderá ele: São as feridas com que fui ferido na casa dos meus amigos." Zacarias 13:6 from the Almeida Revista e Atualizada (ARA) Andrews Study Bible.

Here are the respective footnotes for that verse in the above bibles.

"When confronted about the 'wounds' on his torso ('between your arms' probably refers to the chest or back), scars which probably resulted from self-mutilation while participating in idolatrous rituals (1 Kin. 18:28), the false prophet lies about how he received them." From the NKJV Andrews Study Bible.

"The false prophet lies about the scars, which probably resulted from self-mutilation while participating in idolatrous rituals (1 Ki 18:28)." From the NIV Andrews Study Bible.

"Cuando es confrontado con las heridas en el torso (<<en[-tre] tus manos>>, CI/BJ, significa en realidad <<entre los brazos>>, NBE, en el pecho or la espalda), que probablemente eran resultado de la autoflagelación durante rituales idólatras (1 R 18:28), el falso profeta miente acerca de su origen." From the RV95 Andrews Study Bible that allegedly has "Ilumina, profundiza, clarifica".

“Quando confrontado em relação às “feridas” nas mãos (ou no torso, uma provável referência ao peito ou às costas), cicatrizes que provavelmente resultariam da prática de automutilação em rituais idólatras (1Rs 18:28), o falso profeta mentiria sobre some se machucou.” From the ARA Andrews Study Bible.

Even though the Andrews Study Bibles in Spanish (the RV95) and Portuguese (the ARA) say the wounds were in the hands, that verse still has a footnote in the respective language saying the wounds resulted from unholy practices (wounding Himself while participating in idolatrous rituals).

With the rewording of the verses and the addition of footnotes, a messianic prophecy has been destroyed and doubt cast on the inspiration of Ellen G. White as the Lord's Messenger. Does it bother you that bibles have been changed? Does it bother you that footnotes have been composed by Seventh-day Adventist Andrews University scholars that say those things? Does it bother you that the two bibles most used in this SSBSG have changes that were inspired by Satan? Maybe you should say something about it.

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