

Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath School Bible Study Guide for the Second Quarter of 2021

A Book Review

In addition to a review of the Sabbath School lessons for the second quarter of 2021, I've included a review of a book. The book, *words OF life*, was sent to families in the Columbia Union Conference in early January; I received mine on 1/4/2021. It is described as a "Year of the Bible Devotional Book" and was published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Each page contains a bible reading at the top of the page in bold print and below that something that's supposed to be inspiring and uplifting written by various persons affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Some of the contributors are grade school kids; maybe they're church members but a fourth grader has to be kind of young.

If you didn't get one, don't mourn. It is replete with "Scripture" references from fake bibles and isn't worth the money that was spent on it. If Seventh-day Adventists wish to have a devotional book, they need to dust off their copy of *The Great Controversy*, *The Desire of Ages*, etc., and read them.

I went through the entire book and counted the number of times each bible version was used and who it was that used each version. I did not go through the book twice so my count could be off a little. When I say a particular version was used by a "pastor" what is meant is either a minister or a chaplain (only a small number of chaplains were represented). The count includes versions used in the main quotation at the top of each page, those below the main quotation and also elsewhere.

Eleven different bible versions were used of which five are versions endorsed by the Roman Catholic Church. Think hard about this. Members of the Roman Catholic Church are not supposed to read from certain bible versions. Obviously that is because those versions contain things contrary to Roman Catholic doctrine. It is a reality, but still is hard for me to understand, how Seventh-day Adventist ministers use and thereby endorse the use of Roman Catholic bibles when they should know they contain doctrinal error. Though there aren't approved Roman Catholic bibles in the New King James Version, the New International Version, the New American Standard Bible, etc., those bibles are as bad as what can be called Catholic bibles. The only Bible that is defensible out of the bunch is the King James Version.

The counts are as follows with the number in parenthesis being the number of times a pastor used that version.

English Standard Version (Catholic): 13 (6)
International Children's Bible: 3
King James Version: 80 (19)
New American Standard Bible: 11 (6)
New Century Version: 3
New International Version: 121 (19)

New King James Version: 143 (40)
New Living Translation (Catholic): 22 (8)
The Living Bible (Catholic): 4 (1)
The Message (Catholic): 5 (1)
Revised Standard Version (Catholic): 3 (1)

One bible version was only listed as “paraphrased.” I guess now we can make our own bibles. On page 286 the contributor for that page was listed as a “pseudonym.” There must be a good story behind that. The clear winner is the New King James Version (NKJV) but the New International Version (NIV) isn’t far behind. The NKJV is bad but the NIV is quite a bit worse.

The Sabbath School Lessons

The review of the entire *Seventh-day Adventist Adult Teachers Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* (SSBSG) for the second quarter of 2021 follows. It’s titled “The Promise.” In this SSBSG ten different bibles were used three 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. The numbers were as follows:

New King James Version (NKJV) quotations: 10.
King James Version (KJV) quotations: 46.
New American Standard Bible quotations: 7.
Revised Standard Version (RSV) quotations: 37.
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV): 5.
New International Version (NIV): 6.
English Standard Version quotations: 1.
The Interlinear Hebrew-Greek-English Bible: 7.
The Interlinear Greek-English New Testament: 1.
Tanakh: 1.

The numbers of memory texts taken from various versions were as follows:

KJV 7.
RSV 4.
NRSV 1.
NIV 1.

My practice is to go through the lessons well once. At times, in reviewing lessons again, I find new things to add.

I have not been to a Sabbath School class in a couple of years. I see no point in going because no one there would be likely to have a clue that anything was wrong with the lessons and they would be incensed to hear anything to the contrary. The only reason I take the time to do these reviews is because of my hope (maybe in vain) that enough people will object to the poison they contain that they’ll be cleaned up. Churches should refuse to subscribe to the lesson quarterly with them as they are. Sabbath School classes would be much more productive of good if the time were utilized to study some of Sister White’s books chapter by chapter.

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

LESSON 1. What Happened?

I know the majority of people that go to Sabbath School don't memorize the memory text or probably anything else in their bible or Bible. The memory text for this lesson is taken from one of the fake Catholic bibles and is to be memorized as follows.

“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness....’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (*Genesis 1:26, 27, NRSV*).

Let's assume that you're one of the rare ones that occasionally reads the bible through from cover and, not knowing any better, have chosen to read from the NRSV. You start in Genesis 1:1 and finally arrive at Genesis 6.

“When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that they were fair; and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.” Genesis 6:1-2, 4 from the NRSV.

It would appear that there is a distinction between “humans” and “sons of God.” Let's also assume you have a concordance for your fake bible and wish to look up other passages to find out if the “sons of God” were really something other than human beings. Look as long as you like; you will not find the phrase “sons of God” anywhere else in the NRSV. If you had been using the real Bible, the KJV, you not only wouldn't have been so confused with Genesis 6:1-2, 4 but would have had Job 1:6, Job 2:4, Job 38:7, John 1:12, Romans 8:14, 19, Philippians 2:15 and 1 John 3:1-2 to answer all your questions.

Some Seventh-day Adventists believe that if they don't understand Greek and Hebrew all they need to do to become Greek and Hebrew scholars is compare verses with other bible versions. We'll assume the budding Hebrew scholar, being frustrated in finding out what “sons of God” meant using the NRSV, decided to use a different fake bible to answer the question. The bible on hand was one used in previous lesson quarterlies and for some readings in the back of the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*.

“When people had spread all over the world, and daughters were being born, some of the heavenly beings saw that these young women were beautiful, so they took the ones they liked. In those days, and even later, there were giants on the earth who were descendants of human women and the heavenly beings. They were the great heroes and famous men of long ago.” Genesis 6:1-2, 4 from the Today's English Version.

LESSON 2. Covenant Primer

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

LESSON 3. All Future Generations

In the “Teachers Comments” section of the Adult Teachers edition of the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* on page 41 there is a brief description of Aristides who was allegedly “one of the finest sinful men who lived in ancient times.” I see no reason for any discussion of Aristides who, when in his youth, “competed for the love of a beautiful boy” (according to Wikipedia).

LESSON 4. An Everlasting Covenant

A Hebrew lesson starts on page 31 and continues to page 32. There are some who seem to be of the opinion that if we don’t get the name of God right, there will be bad consequences. The ENGLISH names for God are all we need. You can do just fine your whole life without knowing God’s name was YHWH (actually that wasn’t what it was) nor do you need to be told it was pronounced Yahweh (they don’t know that either). You also don’t need to know other names for God like ‘El-Shaddai. In the special section for teachers, another name for God, Elohim, is given; you don’t need to know that either. If you ever pick up a bible where God is called Yahweh, El-Shaddai or Elohim, you can rest assured that it’s a fake bible.

Here is something from *In Awe of thy Word* by G. A. Riplinger on page 415 that should interest you.

“In the 19th century, as unbelieving German critics of the Bible were hammering away at the word of God, they tried to refashion God’s name, JEHOVAH. They asserted that the God of Israel’s name should be pronounced *Yahweh* because, to them, he was nothing more than an offshoot of the pagan deity ‘*Yaho*.”

In Awe of thy Word would be a very good book for Seventh-day Adventists to read; especially the ministers who have been contaminated by Andrews University.

Here is something useful to know about the all the fake bibles used in this lesson quarterly.

“And God spoke to Moses and said to him: ‘I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them.’ Exodus 6:2-3 from the NKJV.

Notice that it says that neither Abraham nor Isaac nor Jacob knew God by the name “LORD.” The RSV, NRSV, NIV, NASB and ESV also say none of those three men had known God by the name LORD. Look up Genesis 21:33, 25:21 and 28:16 in all of those bibles and you will find that according to all of those bibles all of those men had known God by the name LORD.

There is no problem with the Protestant Bible.

“And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: 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 6:2-3 from the KJV.

LESSON 5. Children of the Promise

On page 41, you will find about half the page devoted to a quotation from *City of God* by Augustine of Hippo. Here are some facts about Augustine of Hippo, also known as Saint Augustine, taken from Catholic Online.

“He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived.”

If you don't care that something like that has been put in a Seventh-day Adventist publication that's supposed to teach you about God's Word, I'd say “thou hast lost thy first love.”

“The writings of human inventions, human authors, whose sentiments are opposed to God, are as tares sown among the wheat.” *Spalding & Magan's Unpublished Manuscript Testimonies* (ISBN 9781495934735) page 56.

“One of the chief causes of mental inefficiency and moral weakness is the lack of concentration for worthy ends. We pride ourselves on the wide distribution of literature; but the multiplication of books, even books that in themselves are not harmful, may be a positive evil. With the immense tide of printed matter constantly pouring from the press, old and young form the habit of reading hastily and superficially, and the mind loses its power of connected and vigorous thought.” *Education* (published 1926) page 189.

“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.

LESSON 6. Abraham's Seed

On page 48 there is a fairly long quotation from *The Pulpit Commentary: Deuteronomy* edited by the Very Reverend Henry Donald Maurice Spence and the Reverend Joseph S. Excell. I only include “Reverend” in their title because that's what the world calls them; “Reverend” is not a title any man should accept. Spence was an Anglican and Excell was a Methodist. There are times it is appropriate to quote from a secular book or a book written by other than a Seventh-day Adventist but the quotation contains nothing you

couldn't get just as easily from the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy. The quotation has no legitimate place in the SSBSG.

LESSON 7. Covenant at Sinai

On page 57 of the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* there is a quotation from a book by George Knight titled *Theology of Narration* in which the heart touching story of how eagles taught their young to fly by carrying them on their backs to "great heights" and then "dropped them down into the depths." Then, "if the baby was still too young and too bewildered to fly, father-eagle would swoop down beneath it, catch it on his back, and fly up again with it to the eyrie crags above." It was not made clear why mother-eagle had no part in flight training nor exactly how it was determined from the ground that it was father-eagle that was up at "great heights" carrying baby on its back.

On page 93 of the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* teachers edition the ministerial myth of how eagles learn to fly is told again. I've heard it quite a few times. Allegedly, "When an eagle wants to teach its little ones to fly..., it prods one of the little eaglets and with its beak, noses it out of the nest." Following this, the eagle supposedly "flies underneath, puts its wings out, catches the little one on its back and flies a mile into the air." After this eaglet abuse, the eagle is said to let its offspring fall "maybe a thousand feet" and catches it again, etc.

Let me give you a few things to think about and then I'll tell you how it really is. How high off the ground do eagles make their nests? That will depend somewhat on how tall the trees are in the nesting area. A pretty tall tree in most areas would be maybe 100 feet tall. How long would it take a baby eagle that didn't know how to fly to fall 100 feet? A generous time would be about three seconds. So ponder this; the eagle would have to push its babe out of the nest and, avoiding all branches and other obstructions, fly underneath its falling child and catch it before it hit the ground in three seconds or less. The eagle doesn't have hands so it would be up to the terrified eaglet to grasp its parent with its talons; that is if was even right side up. Another minor problem (LOL) is the fact that eaglets, when ready to fly, weigh almost as much as the parent and a parent can only lift about a third of its own weight.

Eagles learn to fly by first fluttering for short distances. As their wings become stronger, they fly longer distances. Other birds learn to fly in the same way.

How did all this confusion arise? For a clue, we'll go to some fake bibles all of which have been used in this or in another *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*.

"The LORD was like an eagle teaching its young to fly, always ready to swoop down and catch them on its back." Deuteronomy 32:11 from the Contemporary English Version (CEV).

"As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings," Deuteronomy 32:11 from the New King James Version (NKJV).

Those two fake bibles pretty much confirm the truthfulness of the legend. Now for the real Bible.

“As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:” Deuteronomy 32:11 from the King James Version (KJV).

As previously stated, despite what the CEV and the NKJV say, there is no way an eagle teaches its young to fly by repeatedly pushing them out of the nest and then catching them. If you haven't been to a seminary, haven't studied Greek or Hebrew, do understand English and have an ENGLISH dictionary, you can figure this out. Notice that in the KJV the eagle is fluttering OVER her young and isn't pushing them out of the nest. The big words that may confuse the Greek and Hebrew scholar are “bearth” and “on.”

Like many English words, “bear” can have several meanings such as a large carnivorous animal, carrying a burden, etc. According to Noah Webster's 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language, “bear” can also mean “To bear upon, or against, is to lean upon or against; to act on as weight or force, in any direction, as a column upon its base, or the sides of two inclining objects against each other.”

Next is one of the definitions for the hard word “on” as defined in the aforementioned dictionary; “Coming or falling to the surface of any thing.”

So, the eagle is fluttering above her young, comes down “on” them and then brings them between her body and her wing as in “the sides of two inclining objects against each other.” It's a similar metaphor, though in different words, to what Jesus used in Matthew 23:37 where He said He wished could have gathered the inhabitants of Jerusalem “as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings.”

Ministers should stop telling tales about things they know nothing about as it devalues everything they say. They should devote more time to learning about the fake bibles they use and embarrass themselves with.

You can see a short video of a young eagle learning to fly here:

<https://youtu.be/qVABAFyQyYE>

A bird is said to “fledge” when it flies for the first time. A “fledgling” bird is one that has just flown for the first time. Here is a short video of a young bald eagle fledging. Look carefully and see if mommy or daddy is pushing it out of the nest and then swooping underneath to catch it before it dies.

<https://youtu.be/UBQh-Ax12MA>

I was curious to see how some Seventh-day Adventist YouTube ministers would expound on eagles learning to fly. In short, this demonstrates how an error that is being taught will be passed on to future generations (if there are any). Here are some examples:

The Emmanuel Institute of Evangelism published “Q2 L7 The Promise: ‘Covenant at Sinai’” on YouTube on 5/8/21. Kameron DeVasher, son-in-law of Ted Wilson, and Mark Howard are the ministers passing on wisdom for further generations. Starting around 8:20 they discuss how eagles learn to fly and it’s apparent they have swallowed the myth hook, line and sinker.

At 9:29 Kameron says, “Now how does an; I’ve never thought about this before really but, I always think well, but eagle’s a big powerful bird and he’s gonna to carry a lot of weight and he’s gonna to carry you up. Pick ya up, rih?” Then Kameron starts to read George Knight’s fiction about eagles learning to fly found on page 57 of the lesson quarterly.

“Lesson 7 | Covenant At Sinai (Qtr. 2, 2021)” was posted by Hope Sabbath School on 5/9/21. Pastor Derek Morris is the moderator.

Predictably, the treasured myth about how eagles learn to fly, started to be told at 10:38. Deuteronomy 31:11 was quoted from the NKJV which, as we have seen above, clearly supports the myth.

At 11:43, Travis starts to expound on how eagles learn to fly. He says, “So, you can actually go and look, uh, on, on the, online and find, like, a golden eagle, will take the, the baby will launch out of the nest, but he doesn’t know how to fly yet. And it falls, falls, falls, and then the mother will come underneath it and catch it, and then carry it back up.”

Derek asks, “Is that true?” In saying this, Derek indicated he may have some doubts as to the truthfulness of the story but he didn’t contradict Travis; maybe because he didn’t wish to contradict his student.

Travis answers, “Yea, and it actually trains, trains it until it uh, can fly on its own.”

This stupidity is a result of fake bibles and ministers not taking the time to research ENGLISH. The only thing I blame Travis for is the fact that he has NEVER seen ANYTHING ANYWHERE that shows an eagle parent doing what he said it did; i.e., he made that up. The perpetuation of the myth is the fault of the ministers and publications such as the Seventh-day Adventist *Sabbath School Study Guide* which teaches even worse errors than this.

During the next two months, it is likely that many Seventh-day Adventists that attended a Sabbath School Class on this lesson, will tell you an eagle learns to fly because a parent pushes them out of the nest and then catches them before they die.

“Study Hour: The Covenant At Sinai- Doug Batchelor” was published on YouTube on 5/9/21 by 11:11 Ministries. Doug has demonstrated before that he doesn’t always know what his “Bible” says but, surprise, surprise, he pretty much, with one slight exception, told the true story of how eagles learn to fly or, should I say, how they don’t learn to fly.

I sincerely congratulate him. Doug was willing to cast doubt on veracity of the hallowed *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*. You can listen to it starting at 3:18.

He did say there was one instance where someone allegedly saw an eagle go under a young one that wasn't flying too well and help it up a bit. He does acknowledge that it doesn't happen very often. He was not wrong in saying someone said they saw it happen but could have been a bit more positive in denying that it ever did happen. Whoever said they saw it happen was either mistaken or they made up the story. The fact remains that eagles do not learn to fly by being pushed out of the nest and by the time an eagle is big enough to have any hope of flying, it weighs much more than a parent can lift.

There is another point of physics that I didn't discuss yet and that is the concept of terminal velocity. A falling body acted on by gravity but meeting air resistance will eventually reach terminal velocity and without some additional input of energy will fall no faster. The fastest a baby eagle will fall is terminal velocity and a parent will not be able to fall any faster than terminal velocity. There is no way a parent eagle will catch up with a falling baby. If a parent extended its wings in an attempt to accelerate, it would meet more air resistance and would slow down.

Additionally, though eagles can stay aloft without much apparent effort for a long time, they are not fast flyers. The starling, pigeon and many other birds can fly quite a bit faster. That is why you may see a hawk or vulture that have similar flight characteristics to eagles, being harassed by a small bird that easily catches up with it.

On 5/8/21 “‘Covenant at Sinai (Promise)’ – Lesson 7 - Pastor Chris BATTERY” was published on YouTube by Daily Hymns. The discussion of how eagles learn to fly starts at 8:08 with Chris reading Deuteronomy 32:10-12 from the NKJV.

Chris concludes that the parent “ultimately takes the infant, eagles, the baby eagles, up. And, uh, we’ll talk about what that means in just a little bit.”

I could tell Chris what that means. It means that those who author and edit the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* should be a lot more discriminating about what they put in it.

On 5/9/21 “‘Covenant at Sinai’ | Sabbath School Panel by 3ABN – Lesson 7 Q2 2021” was published on YouTube by Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN).

At 10:48 Pastor John Dinzey starts to read the story of an eagle teaching its babies to fly as recorded in George Knight's book and quoted on page 57 of the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*. John says there are testimonies of people who have seen eagle flight training. He says there are resources on the internet (LOL) to find out about things like this. He also says he read (LOL) about a father and son who were out in the wilderness “and they actually saw an eagle doing this.” Allegedly the baby was pushed “outside of the nest and the little baby would start, fa, going down and they saw at one time he, he waited until about a hundred and fifty feet, and when the father eagle, or mother, I don't know which one it was, know, ah, knew that or saw that the little baby was not fluttering

its wings and actually flying, would come beneath, catch them and carry them back up to its nest.”

“SS Lesson: 7 ‘Covenant at Sinai’” was live streamed on YouTube by Living Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church on 5/15/21. Pastor Chris Holland, a rising star among Seventh-day Adventist ministers, was the teacher of this class. He had two participants, Samuel and John. English is not the native language of either Samuel or John; judging by their accents, in my opinion, their native language is probably Hindi.

Neither Samuel nor John had the initial honor of venturing onto the ground of eagles swooping down and saving their falling young from certain mortal injury; Chris had that honor. This discussion starts at 10:05. He says eagles lay eggs that hatch in order to bear their young. I have no argument with that. Then, apparently encompassing all eagles everywhere, he says the eagles hatch in a nest “that is hundreds of feet in the air.”

When you say “hundreds of feet” the minimum you can mean is 200 feet and I believe most people would take it to mean at least 300 feet. According to the American Eagle Foundation:

“Typical nest heights are 50-125 feet high. Eagles that live in the extreme North, where trees large enough to accommodate an eagle nest are very rare, may build their nest on the ground.”

If you wish to research this further, you will find that geographical locations that have trees in the 200 foot plus range aren’t that many and don’t include Palestine. In addition, for an eagle to build a nest, the branches of the tree must have an accommodating configuration which the tops of many very tall trees probably won’t have.

Chris then goes to Deuteronomy 32:11 in his fake bible and imagines that eagle’s nests are “soft” because of “feathers” that pad everything. Think about this. For an eagle that has built its nest in a tree, do you think it will ever be subjected to wind? Do you think it would be subjected to high wind? How long do you think feathers would stay in a nest subjected to wind in a tree?

Allegedly, “there is a nudging of that eaglet sometimes to the point where the eaglet may fall out of the nest but then the mother or father will sweep down and catch that eaglet and raise it up on eagle’s wings on the on the wings of parents to bear that eh that that eaglet ahm ahh responsibility so to speak in an effort to try to get that eaglet to fly.”

“20. Worship Service – 05/15/2021 -Pastor Stephen Bohr” was posted on YouTube on 5/15/21. The participants discussing the Sabbath School lesson were Elder Melvin Blue, Delores Jones and Pastor Stephen Jones. Stephen starts the eagle discussion at 20:39 and mentioned the great “contributions” Deloris made regarding eagles. Delores says, “I went on Google, and you’ll be amazed at the things that you’ll find out about this eagle. I specifically looked at the bald eagle, and the wings, bearing up on the wings; I said, what’s that all about? And as I watched this video I saw the father eagle as the baby is trying to; eaglet is trying to fly.... You know that they have to teach them how to fly?”

They don't really know they can fly if they're not taught. And the baby is tryin' to fly, and he's got out and he's, he's going around and all of a sudden he starts to fall! And he doesn't know how to get out of the fall! And the father just comes and swoops down underneath and bears him up on his wings."

Delores either has a very active imagination or she was mistaken about what she allegedly saw on Google.

There you have it. Multiple false stories of how eagles learn to fly and well supported by a verse in fake bibles.

LESSON 8. Covenant Law

On page 107 of the "Teachers Comments" section in the Teachers edition there are quotations from The Interlinear Hebrew-Greek-English Bible and The Interlinear Greek-English New Testament. In the U.S.A. it would be a rare member of a Sabbath School class that understood Greek or Hebrew and it would also be a rare person that had even one of those bibles. Quotations like this are put in the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* by blowhards who want you to believe them because they understand Greek or Hebrew.

Ask yourself, how many Seventh-day Adventists have even five of the bibles used in this SSBSG? If you don't have them, you have no way to see if the scholar Gerhard is telling the truth. Even if you had five of the bibles, it wouldn't adequately prepare you for what is to come. Over the last two or three years about THIRTY different bibles have been used in the SSBSG.

LESSON 9. Covenant Sign

This lesson is about the Sabbath and Dr. Hasel thinks you need to know that in Hebrew "the word *rested* (Hebrew *shabat*) is closely related to the noun *Sabbath* (Hebrew, *shabbat*). He teaches you Hebrew and doesn't tell you what has been done in fake ENGLISH bibles to deprecate the Sabbath doctrine.

First of all, with a very few exceptions, Roman Catholic bibles have not removed the fourth commandment. For many years, thanks to what I was taught by Seventh-day Adventist ministers, I thought the fourth commandment would be missing in a Roman Catholic bible and had no idea that some of the bibles I had read, namely the New English Bible and The Living Bible, were Roman Catholic bibles. Since Gerhard used the NIV on page 75 to teach Sabbath observance, I'll show you what the NIV says compared to what the real Protestant bible says.

The Ten Commandments are listed in two places in the Bible. Here is the fourth commandment from each of those places.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any

foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” Exodus 20:8-11 from the NIV.

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11 from the KJV.

“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day. “Deuteronomy 5:12-15 from the NIV.

Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.” Deuteronomy 5:12-15 from the KJV.

The Israelites had various holy days of rest called sabbaths besides the seventh day Sabbath. On some they were not to do any work and on some they were to do no servile work. Notice that the NIV says the seventh day “is a sabbath to the LORD” while the KJV says it “is the sabbath of the LORD.” There is only one day on which the Lord rested; i.e., “the” seventh day (preceded by the definite article). To have the indefinite article “a” implies the seventh day Sabbath was merely like the other sabbaths made for the Israelites that had nothing to do with the Creator Himself resting.

Saying “to the LORD” versus “of the LORD” is different in connotation. All of the sabbaths of the Israelites were “to the LORD” but only one was made special because the Lord rested on it which made it the sabbath “of the LORD.” The fourth commandment hasn’t been destroyed but it has been belittled.

I don't think the Roman Catholic Church intends to change the fourth commandment reading much. It's to her advantage to claim more authority than God's Word.

On page 121 of the teachers edition examples of ridiculous Jewish restrictions on burden carrying on the Sabbath were given. Apparently a "burden" would be carrying a dried fig, etc. The questions are then asked, "In what ways are we stuck in similar legalistic ruts?" and "What are the dangers of being legalistic?"

I have never seen a Seventh-day Adventist get even close to defining a Sabbath burden as a dried fig or a swallow of milk. What I have seen aplenty is talk of secular things on the Sabbath and various other breaches of the Sabbath. In my opinion, the current practice of Sabbath keeping is generally more likely to be too lax rather than be too legalistic.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:" Isaiah 58:13 from the KJV.

LESSON 10. The New Covenant

There is something special for Sabbath School teachers in the "Teachers Comments" section on page 132. This special bit of wisdom will be denied the humble student unless the teacher decides to share it. At first glance the superficial reader would think it was a quotation from just any old theological book. It says the quotation is from page 906 of the Tanakh. You would have known what it was if they had just said Ezekiel 11:19-20 from the Tanakh without all the other stuff about it being by Harry M. Orlinsky, H. L. Ginsberg, etc.

The Tanakh is an English bible translation by Jews and for Jews. Those would be the same Jews who rejected and are still rejecting Jesus Christ as the Messiah. It's well adapted by Satan to attract English speaking wannabe Hebrew scholars who think they're getting something special if the book of Joshua is in a section called *Nevi'im* and if some Hebrew words they can't read are put in various places.

This would be a good time to go back to Lesson 1 and review the discussion about Genesis 6:1-2, 4. Here is that passage from the Tanakh.

"When men began to increase on earth and daughters were born to them, the divine beings saw how beautiful the daughters of men were and took wives from among those that pleased them. It was then, and later too, that the Nephilim appeared on earth—when the divine beings cohabitated with the daughters of men, who bore them offspring. They were the heroes of old, the men of renown." Genesis 6:1-2, 4 from the Tanakh.

Job 1:6, Job 2:1 and Job 38:7 in the Tanakh make it clear that the "divine beings" spoken of in Genesis were angels. Don't bother going to the New Testament to study this further since there is no New Testament in the Tanakh. Remember? The Jews rejected Christ but since Hebrew is so much better than English and the Tanakh is "A New Translation

of THE HOLY SCRIPTURES According to the Traditional Hebrew Text” you should believe it. Right? You should also believe the Roman Catholic NRSV. Right? Not me.

There is something good on page 134 of the teachers edition; a quotation from Leslie Hardinge. He was one of my Bible teachers and I have good memories of him.

LESSON 11. New Covenant Sanctuary

This lesson is about the new covenant sanctuary which would be the sanctuary in heaven. For some reason, though Gerhard gets close, he never mentioned Hebrews 9:12. It would be a more useful memory text than what was selected; i.e., Hebrews 9:15.

“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” Hebrews 9:12 from the NKJV.

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” Hebrews 9:12 from the KJV.

Notice several things about this verse. It is not a prophecy; it describes what Jesus already did. The NKJV says Jesus went into the “Most Holy Place” after his resurrection while the KJV says he went into the “holy place.” Seventh-day Adventist doctrine is that Jesus started His ministry and the investigative judgment in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 at the end of Daniel’s 2,300 day prophecy. The NKJV agrees with other Protestant churches that teach Jesus’ atonement was complete at the cross and that there is no investigative judgment going on in the Most Holy Place at this time.

LESSON 12. Covenant Faith

Most of page 96 is devoted to a discussion about Odysseus as found in Homer’s *The Odyssey*. The Lord’s messenger had something to say about the Greek classics.

“In the colleges and universities thousands of youth devote a large part of the best years of their life to the study of Greek and Latin. And while they are engaged in these studies, mind and character are molded by the evil sentiments of pagan literature, the reading of which is generally regarded as an essential part of the study of these languages. Those who are conversant with the classics declare that ‘the Greek tragedies are full of incest, murder, and human sacrifices to lustful and revengeful gods.’ Far better would it be for the world were the education gained from such sources to be dispensed with. ‘Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?’ Proverbs 6:28. ‘Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.’ Job 14:4.” *The Ministry of Healing* page 443.

If it doesn’t bother you that Greek trash has been included in a Sabbath School lesson quarterly, you may have lost your first love.

On page 101 it says Cardinal Bellarmine on his death bed “was brought crucifixes and the merits of the saints to help give him assurance before death.” He is alleged to have then said, “Take it away, I think it’s safer to trust in the merits of Christ.” Unfortunately Dr. Hasel provided no reference for the quotation. If true, it would be incredible news.

Here is something about Cardinal Bellarmine by ex-priest Emmett McLoughlin.

“Doellinger exposed the conspiracy of the touted Jesuit cardinal, Robert Bellarmine (pictured now in American Catholic textbooks as the inspiration of American democracy) and sainted through Jesuit efforts. Doellinger exposed this man as one of the greatest ‘corruptors and fabricators’ of all history in his efforts to create the image of the ‘Infallible Pope.’ He showed that Bellarmine even admitted that, without the historical forgeries of Pseudo-Isidore and medieval anonymous Dominican authors, there is ‘no semblance of evidence from tradition’ for the preeminence of the papacy.” *Famous Ex-Priests* page 99.

On page 158 in the “Teachers Comments” section something Raoul Dederen wrote is quoted. Raoul was the Seventh-day Adventist theologian who was the Church’s designated emissary that signed the BEM (Baptism Eucharist Ministry) document also known as the “Lima Text” in Lima, Peru in 1982. The BEM document is a compromise with Babylon. On the next page Calvin Rock, past president of Oakwood University is quoted. Calvin did a glowing testimonial for the Andrews Study Bible which is worse than the usual NKJV bible.

LESSON 13. The New Covenant Life

On page 106 the story is told of the killer of a young woman who was caught because he was weeping at her grave. This allegedly happened “many months after her death” because the police had been monitoring “a hidden microphone in her grave.” Of course, no reference for the story is given.

Gerhard Hasel, PhD should plan his lies a little better and Clifford Goldstein should do his job as an editor. How many people are murdered every year? A lot. How many graves have microphones put “in” them to catch the murderer? That would be none. Why? It is usual practice to bury people under about six feet of dirt where the microphone would probably be ruined and where it wouldn’t detect the voice of a weeping person up above anyway. Try to imagine a busy police department with multiple officers tasked with the job of listening to microphones buried in graves of dead people in the vain hope the murderer will come to weep at the grave (if the murderer even knows where the grave is). LOL.

Oh, and by the way, Gerhard has taught some of our ministers.

On page 109 there is a good quotation from the KJV.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe

all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20.

The verses weren't quoted exactly right. The SSBSG had “always” rather than “always” and had double quotes around single quotes which is not correct. The quotation should be enclosed in only double quotes. I guess Clifford missed those typos. In any case, Seventh-day Adventist ministers like the KJV for this passage because it says “end of the world.” Get your fake NKJV bible (I know some of you have it) and, taking your NKJV concordance (you should have one if you use the NKJV) find all the places in the NKJV where it says “end of the world” as in the world will end. Good luck.

If you would like to learn more about fake bibles, you can peruse these sites.

SatanIsDead.com

InfallibleBible.com

AdventistsToday.com

SabbathSchoolGuide.com