

“The Will to Power | Authentic” was posted on YouTube on 3/6/21 by Voice of Prophecy. Pastor Shawn Boonstra discusses Friedrich Nietzsche for the duration of this approximately 28 minute video. If your church gives you the option of giving online, most likely in the menu will be found the option to donate to the Voice of Prophecy. The Voice of Prophecy is an affiliate of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was, in times past, an organization a Seventh-day Adventist could be proud of. Don’t be too proud of it now.

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At 0:24 Shawn says, regarding Friedrich Nietzsche, “he had the audacity to say that after he died the world would probably start counting time from his birth in life instead of the birth of Christ.” That fact should have been enough to let Shawn know that the less people knew about Friedrich the better.

A bit of jazz started at 0:47.

Shawn described Friedrich as a “brilliant” person and claims “he’s a household name.” I suspect Friedrich is only a household name to those who attended college. I likely never would have thought about him again if Shawn hadn’t brought up his name. My wife, who has a masters degree, knew he was a philosopher but couldn’t tell me any more about him.

At 3:03 Shawn mentions Friedrich’s “masterpiece,” *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, and implies that he has read it.

At 6:55 Shawn says, regarding Friedrich, “And eventually after years of this tortured existence, he did actually wind up in an insane asylum, debating with imaginary people.” Notwithstanding his home in the insane asylum, Shawn believes “he really did have a spectacular mind.” Shawn says, “You can’t read his books and not notice how brilliant he is.” I take that to mean Shawn has read more than one book of the infidel that thought he was more important than Jesus Christ.

“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 posted the above quotation in the comments section of this presentation with no other commentary of any kind. When I looked for my post on 3/9/21 it was gone. I guess the Lord’s messenger offended someone.

At 13:48 Shawn demonstrates that he is a student of *Star Trek*.

At 15:54 Shawn shares something Plato taught. If Shawn knows what Plato taught, he must have read stuff by Plato.

“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.

At 17:02 Shawn demonstrates his knowledge of *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

“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.

At 19:53 Shawn says, “Right now we’re living in a generation that has thrown out most of our traditional morality, and we appear to be descending into anarchy.” Maybe Shawn is on that road.

At 22:08, after having read from one of Nietzsche’s books, Shawn says, “Maybe you want to read the whole thing for yourself sometime.” I don’t think so Shawn.

At 23:50 Shawn begins a superficial discussion of the book of Daniel. That discussion ends at 25:01.

Around 26:03 Shawn starts to read what he calls “one of my favorite passages” from his bible. The wording on the screen was from the King James Version but what he said was a mixture of New King James Version and King James Version. Keep in mind that this presentation was published by the Voice of **Prophecy** and that the quotation of Revelation 21:4 was the ONLY Bible quotation in the entire presentation.

Following that recitation, he immediately reverted to discussing Nietzsche.

At 26:55 Shawn says, “We have a society that wants to invent its own idea of right and wrong.” I think you’re doing that too Shawn.

Toward the end, jazz starts again.

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