

The video “7 INCREDIBLE FACTS ABOUT HELL That Will Change Your Mind About God!!!” was posted by Amazing Prophecies on YouTube on 6/4/20. Mark Fox, pastor and evangelism director for the Oklahoma Conference (according to LinkedIn), was the speaker.

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This was an amazing presentation and I do mean that in a bad way. Including the ads, the video went twenty-two minutes and forty-three seconds. During that time, Mark Fox managed, and this is the amazing part, to cram in at least nineteen Scripture references. That’s almost one per minute. Although he refers to “the Bible” a number of times, as if there is only one, he uses multiple bible versions; sometimes even two versions in one verse. This is truly an amazing performance in getting “the Bible” to say what you think it should say.

The average person who watched this video would probably think he was getting a fantastic dose of “the Bible.” Bible verses come so fast no one I know could check the Scripture references with their print bible or electronic bible and concentrate on what was being said at the same time. Maybe that’s the idea. On none of the quotations is there any indication of what version of “the Bible” they’re quoted from.

3:19 – There is a photo of a King James Version (KJV) Bible

4:18 – There is a photo of some text in a KJV Bible. By now the uninitiated could think “the Bible” is the KJV if they didn’t know any better and if they bothered to check what “the Bible” was pictured.

5:25 – Exodus 34:5-7 is quoted. Part is quoted from the KJV and part from the New International Version (NIV). I guess Mark thinks he’s qualified to mix and match (or is that pick and choose) since he’s a trained Seventh-day Adventist minister with an M.Div. from Andrews University. He might disapprove of a humble layman doing this so don’t try it by yourself home; Mark is a professional.

5:33 – Revelation 15:3 is quoted from the King James Version Easy Read (KJVER) bible. This is a bible in which certain words considered to be archaic are changed to what are thought to be modern words. In numerous places words are underlined and alternate meanings are given; in other words, the KJV is too hard to read and we can’t really know what God said.

5:44 – Ezekiel 33:11 is quoted from either the New King James Version (NKJV) or the KJVER. I couldn’t tell which one as they both read exactly the same in this verse.

6:36 – Revelation 16:7 is quoted from the NIV. By using this version, Mark is apparently calling this “the Bible.” The NIV is wrong in MANY places. I’ll just mention one from the book of Revelation because Mark apparently likes what it says in that book.

“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 (NIV).

“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 (KJV).

Seventh-day Adventists use Revelation 19:10 to prove that the remnant church will have the spirit of prophecy, i.e., the prophetic ministry of Ellen G. White. You can’t use the NIV for that purpose because it no longer says, “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” and it no longer even says the church has it but rather that “it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

7:21 – Revelation 21:8 is quoted. I couldn’t find a version that said exactly what Mark claimed it said so I’ll call it the Mark Fox Version (MFV). I believe Mark replaced the KJV word “whoremongers” with “fornicators” because he liked “fornicators” better. I worked with a guy in the 1990s who used the word “whoremonger” frequently and we all knew what it meant but that word must have become too hard to understand since then.

7:39 – John 11:11 is quoted from the NIV.

11:36 – Mark says “the Bible” never says man has an immortal soul. Mark uses a bunch of “the Bible” so am I not now allowed to use the NKJV?

“Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.” Psalms 146:3-4 (NKJV).

The NKJV clearly teaches in these verses that the body returns to the earth (returns to dust or is buried) and that the plans the defunct human had on this earth come to an end. It also teaches that the “spirit” is a separate entity that departs the defunct body at death. Without going into detail, I’ll tell you this isn’t the only place the NKJV can’t be used to teach unconsciousness in death.

“Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.” Psalms 146:3-4 (KJV).

The KJV clearly says the “thoughts perish.”

11:52 – 1 Corinthians 15:52-53 is quoted from the KJV.

13:31 – 2 Peter 2:9 is quoted from the KJVER.

“The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished. trials” 2 Peter 2:9 (KJVER).

The word “trials” in small print means that God mistakenly used a word, i.e., “temptations,” that was too hard to understand. The translators have suggested God use “trials” since you’re too dumb to understand “temptations.” Once you get your M.Div. from Andrews University like Mark has you may be able to understand “temptations.”

“then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,” 2 Peter 2:9 (NKJV).

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished.” 2 Peter 2:9 (KJV).

Notice that the NKJV says the unjust will be reserved “under punishment” until the day of judgment. That can mean the unjust are in purgatory or hell. The KJV uses the hard word “knoweth” but does at least say the punishment doesn’t come until after the departed one has had his case decided in the judgment.

13:40 – Matthew 5:30 is quoted from the KJVER.

14:00 – John 5:28 is quoted from the KJV.

14:17 – Mark outdoes himself here. He quotes Revelation 20:9 first using the 21<sup>st</sup> Century King James Version then going to the New English Translation and then reverting to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century King James Version. You do have those “the Bible,” don’t you? See, you can make “the Bible” say whatever you want it to.

14:24 – Proverbs 11:31 is quoted from the NIV.

14:41 – Isaiah 65:17 is quoted from the KJV.

14:50 – Matthew 5:5 is quoted from the KJV.

15:19 – Mark has the verse listed as 1 Timothy 2:15 when it’s really 2 Timothy 2:15. It’s from the KJVER except for the word “shew” as in the KJV. I guess he liked “shew” better than show. There’s an interesting thing about the word “shew.” “Show” doesn’t appear anywhere in the KJV so if any bible verse is quoted that says “show” instead of “shew” you can be assured that it’s not an unadulterated KJV verse.

16:02 – Matthew 25:41 is quoted from the NIV.

17:43 – Isaiah 28:21 is quoted from the KJV.

20:14 – Revelation 21:4 is quoted from the KJV.

20:31 – Nahum 1:9 is quoted from the KJV.

In places the KJV reads exactly the same as the KJVER and the NKJV. If the reading was as in the KJV I usually said it was from the KJV without checking both the KJVER and the NKJV.

You may think it harmless to do as Mark has done.

“Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 5 page 292.

According to his LinkedIn page, Mark’s “message is solid, Biblically based, fresh and Christ-centered.” He is also said to be “one of the best Evangelists in North America.” When you say “the Bible says” and tell people to believe it when you don’t believe there is a single perfect infallible Bible anywhere in the world are you a liar?

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