On 3/18/22 the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) posted a video on YouTube titled "The Big Lie Preachers Keep Telling You (And Where It Came From)" with Pastor John Lomacang speaking. John is trying to prove using his broken sword, the New King James Version (NKJV), that the dead are really dead and know nothing.

At 3:05 John mentions some research he did using the Oxford Dictionary. That's good. Now if John will keep using an English dictionary instead of pretending he knows Greek he may do better than usual. Then he uses the Merriam Webster Dictionary; good going John.

At 5:09 John says, regarding a quote from Adolf Hitler, "You gotta grab this and record this. And he said, 'The great masses will more easily fall victim to a big lie than a small one."

More wisdom follows at 5:47 when John says, "But when we begin to examen the historical impact of lies, one thing that is true about all lies is this; someone believes it."

At 6:13 Matthew 24:4 was quoted from the NKJV. Here is that verse from the NKJV and from the real Bible.

"And Jesus answered and said to them: 'Take heed that no one deceives you." Matthew 24:4 (NKJV).

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:4 from the King James Version (KJV).

Notice that "man" in the KJV has been switched to "one" in the NKJV. Apparently some take offense that "man" and "men" are used so much in the KJV.

John says the above passage shows that the atmosphere in the last days will be polluted by lies in every arena. John even says lies will occur "most prominently, today, in America, politics and religion." He wants to know "what makes a lie so believable." By the time you get to the end of this review you may understand how a lie becomes believable.

Here is a real treasure from John starting around 6:49 that you should remember.

"Don't you have to ask yourself the question, how could a lie become so prominent that people believe it? What makes a lie so believable? How can a lie permeate the minds of people that we claim or think are generally intellectual? How can it find anything to hold on to? How can people believe something that when you examine the Scriptures based on what they believe, seems completely out of harmony with what they believe compared to what Scripture teaches?"

John answers this at 7:34 using 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 from the NKJV.

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they

did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 (NKJV).

John says, "In other words, they chose not to believe what God's Word says. They, che, they chose to believe what they were told or they chose to believe their senses or they chose to believe tradition or they chose to believe what my momma told me and her mother told her or my father or his father told him."

The next quotation come at 8:46 from 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 from the NKJV.

At 9:07 John quotes Psalms 119:105 from... I guess it's his own translation since it's not quite NKJV nor is it exactly KJV.

John goes on to mention "the Bible" (notice that "the Bible" is singular) several times and it says you have to believe the Bible to be saved.

At 10:51 John quotes part of John 14:6 but not enough to tell which version it's from.

At 12:14 Genesis 3:4 is quoted from the NKJV.

Following this, John quote Genesis 3:5 from the NKJV.

"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing Good and evil." Genesis 3:5 (NKJV).

"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 3:5 (KJV).

The NKJV says they would be "like God" and the KJV says they would be "as gods." To be "like God" would be to be similar in character and knowledge. To be "as gods" would mean that they themselves would be gods. Is it wrong to want to be "like God?"

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48 (KJV).

It is no sin to wish to be perfect like God.

At 13:22 John says, "My brother, my sister, don't ever allow yourself to be fooled by some professor or some doctor or some theologian or some guru that God doesn't want you to know all the roads to darkness, offer something that they say religion or the Bible or Christ or God cannot offer you." I would add that don't be fooled by a minister that doesn't believe there is any Bible in the world at this time that is entirely free of error.

At 13:58 John quotes, but not perfectly, Isaiah 55:9 which has the same wording in the NKJV as the in the KJV.

At 16:12 John quotes John 8:44 from the NKJV.

At 17:49 John says he did a search to see how many Christian songs "teach the big lie." He says he was "flabbergasted" to find out more than sixty well known Christian songwriters have interwoven the ideology that when you die you go to heaven. Here is something John may not know. That very thing has happened with the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*. Look at the fourth stanza of hymn 142 where it says "Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love." Mary and Joseph are dead right now and unable to aid anyone. Then there is the second stanza of hymn 3 where it says, "Let my soul, like Mary, Be Thine earthly sanctuary." Mary is dead and isn't anyone's sanctuary at this time.

## At 21:01 John quotes Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 from the NKJV.

"For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 (NKJV).

"For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 (KJV).

Those passages from the NKJV and the KJV say the same thing using different words; there is nothing wrong with either of them except the NKJV perpetrates the big lie that the KJV is too hard to read. If you are literate enough to read the NKJV you should be literate enough to read the KJV.

John then quotes Ecclesiastes 9:10 from the NKJV.

"Whatever you hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going." Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV).

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10 (KJV).

Once again, there is no difference in the meaning of the verses comparing the NKJV with the KJV.

John then says,

"Now wait a minute. What did he say you're going? In the grave. What's not there? There's no device; you ain't taking your cell phone. There's no knowledge, there's no wisdom. Nobody's going to be talking to you there. There's no device, there's no knowledge, there's no wisdom. In the grave; watch this direction where you are going. If

you go to a nearby cemetery, all those stones that you see with names; that body is right there and their spirit is no place else."

Remember the part about "their spirit is no place else."

At 23:19 John quotes Genesis 2:7 from the NKJV prefaced by "here's what the Bible says." Notice that "the Bible" is singular. That means there is ONE Bible. If it were two or more bibles, he would have to say, "here's what the Bibles says."

"And the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7 (NKJV).

John then says, "The King James Version says living soul." So, John has been consistently using the NKJV and now he wants you to know what the KJV says. There is a reason for that. Remember the part about "their spirit is no place else" and all will become clear why John does this.

Here it comes. John says, "Now here's one of the Scriptures that people often try to use to give support to the big lie, but when we read the Bible we allow Scripture to unite with Scripture to make the picture abundantly clear." Then John quotes Ecclesiastes 12:7 prefaced by saying "And I'm gonna read it in the King James Version because this is the translation that has been around longer and people often use this because it sounds ethereal and they think that 'hah,' I've got my proof to prove that something went to heaven."

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:7 (KJV).

"Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:7 (NKJV).

That verse in the KJV and the NKJV has the very same meaning. The NKJV has changed the hard word "shall" to "will" and the hard word "unto" to "to" and the "And" is capitalized and the word order is a bit different but the meaning in both versions is exactly the same. Remember that John said the KJV sounded "ethereal" and implied that for that reason it was more useful "to prove that something went to heaven" when the NKJV sounds just as "ethereal" and says THE SAME THING as the KJV. John is telling A BIG LIE. Furthermore, John does not know the meanings of "spirit" and "soul" in the Bible.

Here's John's next lie. He says, at 27:15, "Let the Bible speak for itself. Job chapter twenty-seven and verse three. What is that spirit that goes back to God; not to heaven? Here it is, Job twenty-seven verse three and I'm gonna use the very same translation, as I did for the last passage. The King James Version."

John has, until he got to Ecclesiastes 12:7, used almost exclusively the NKJV and John implied that Ecclesiastes 12:7 was different in the KJV than in the NKJV and it wasn't. Now John has to use the KJV because it's definitely different than the NKJV and he can't use the NKJV to prove

what he wants to prove so he's now hoping the NKJV, which he has called "the Bible," will be ignored. John could have used the KJV throughout this presentation and would have gotten into no trouble at all.

"All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;" Job 27:3 (KJV).

"As long as my breath is in me, And the breath of God in my nostrils," Job 27:3 (NKJV).

John wants you to think "spirit" is the same as "breath." He can't use the NKJV because there is no "spirit" in that verse.

At 28:51 John goes back to the NKJV for Genesis 3:19. John emphasizes that the dead "return to the ground." So what. The NKJV also says "the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it." No one is arguing about whether man's body is buried in the ground and becomes dust. The ONLY issue is about the spirit or soul returning to God at the death of the body in a conscious state.

At 31:06 John says, "What happens to the breath of life, it goes back to God, no soul goes to heaven." The last I knew God was in heaven.

John seems to think "goes back" means something different than "return." John needs to consult an English dictionary.

At 31:30 John quotes Ecclesiastes 3:20 from the NKJV to prove all return to the dust which doesn't disprove the spirit returning to God.

At 32:42 Psalms 115:17 is quoted from the NKJV.

"The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor any who go down into silence." Psalms 115:17 (NKJV).

There is no false doctrine taught in that verse in the NKJV. Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10 and Psalms 115:17 are the only two passages John uses in this presentation that teach unequivocally that the dead know nothing.

John makes more statements substantiated by the NKJV and then says, "The Lord does not alter his Word therefore his Word is always true." Really. At the end of this review, I will give an example of where what John calls God's Word is clearly not true so by Johns own definition, John's fake bible is not God's Word.

At 36:48 John once again uses the NKJV to show the state of a man when he dies.

"So David rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David." 1 Kings 2:10 (NKJV).

"Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried and his tomb is with us to this day. For David did not ascend into the heavens." Acts 2:29, 34 from the NKJV as quoted by John.

Neither of those verses prove that David's soul or spirit didn't ascend into heaven and leave his body behind in the tomb.

At 38:20 John says, "God's Word hasn't changed." You be the judge of that.

At 41:56 John uses a verse in Hebrews to show Christians didn't expect to go directly to heaven when they died. John didn't quote it exactly like the NKJV or the KJV and since they have almost identical wording it can't be determined which version it's from but it's reasonable to think it's John's favorite "the Bible."

"Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection." Hebrews 11:35 (NKJV).

It's commonly thought that the resurrection is when the immortal and conscious soul is put into a new body. This verse doesn't prove the soul or spirit isn't alive and conscious somewhere.

Around 46:40 John starts to talk about hell and says hell doesn't mean eternal burning. The way to prove the burning of hell isn't eternal is to prove the soul or spirit isn't immortal and that the dead know nothing. If you show the dead know nothing the problem with the allegedly eternally burning hell vanishes.

At 48:22 John picks up his "the Bible" and says the elect won't be deceived because they're "following the unerring, the, the truthful, undeniable, sustainable, unalterable, uncompromising, Word of God."

At 51:17 John picks up his "the Bible" again and says, as he opens his "the Bible," "How do you know whether or not you're taking the right turn? Use the map." If he wasn't using a fake bible, I would agree.

At 51:33 John says, "Test what you do by God's Word." I agree with that as long as the meaning isn't that John's fake bible is God's Word.

Around 53:22 John claims soul, body and spirit aren't separate. That's because John apparently doesn't understand the Bible and simple English. Here is a simple English lesson John would do well to study.

"And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already." Exodus 1:5 (KJV).

"All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already). Exodus 1:5 (NKJV).

In Exodus 1:5 "souls" means human beings or persons. The NKJV doesn't help in establishing this definition in this verse because it has substituted "descendants" and "persons" respectively for "souls."

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Psalms 42:1 (KJV).

In Psalms 42:1, "soul" means man's intelligence or thought processes. English has many words that have different meanings depending on context.

Now for a lesson on the meaning of "spirit."

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 (KJV).

In Matthew 5:3 "spirit" means emotions or thought processes.

"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" Psalms 139:7 (KJV).

In Psalms 139:7 "spirit" is the Holy Spirit.

"And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out." Mark 1:23 (KJV).

In Mark 1:23 the "spirit" is a fallen angel or you could say a demon or a devil.

Remember Ecclesiastes 12:7 where John had to abandon is favorite fake bible and had to go to Job 27:3 in the real Bible? John wanted you to believe that the "spirit" in Ecclesiastes 12:7 was man's breath when, in fact, in that verse the "spirit" is man's intelligence or thought processes. If John had understood ENGLISH and had been using the real Bible he wouldn't have had to go through all those contortions. John doesn't understand that a person is composed of two things; a body and the intelligence which can be called man's spirit or soul that resides in the body. Furthermore, this is entirely consistent with what the rest of the real Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy teaches.

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28 (KJV).

Jesus clearly says, in Matthew 10:28, that a person is composed of a soul and a body. He also said that though the body could be killed only God could kill the soul. That means though a martyr was burned at the stake and his body turned to ashes, his soul wasn't destroyed. There is more.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." John 8:51 (KJV).

This is not contrary to what is taught in the Spirit of Prophecy.

"Satan rushes into the midst of his followers, and tries to stir up the multitude to action. But fire from God out of heaven is rained upon them, and the great men, and mighty men, the noble, the poor and miserable, all are consumed together. I saw that some were quickly destroyed, while others suffered longer. They were punished according to the deeds done in the body. Some were many days consuming, and just as long as there was a portion of them unconsumed, all the sense of suffering remained. Said the angel, 'The worm of life shall not die; their fire shall not be quenched as long as there is the least particle for it to prey upon." From *Early Writings of Ellen G. White* (1938 edition) page 294.

If "all sense of suffering" remains as long as there is "the least particle" remaining, that means a person, whose brain, heart, lungs, etc. have been consumed and all that remains is part of a fingernail, is still experiencing all the suffering of the flames. That can only happen if there is a spirit or soul that is separate from the body.

That does not mean the dead are doing anything other than sleeping a dreamless sleep.

"These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead." John 11:11-14 (KJV).

At death, the body is destroyed but God retains a memory of man's intellect, also called man's spirit or soul, and at the resurrection the intellect is restored to a new body in a conscious state.

Here is a passage that I've never heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister use in teaching the state of the dead that says it all.

"The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, if a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother. Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her? Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they never marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read what was said unto you by God saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine." Matthew 22:23-33 from the KJV.

According to Matthew, the author of Matthew, this is "doctrine" of Jesus Christ and that the only way God can be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is because there will be a resurrection. It teaches that God isn't the God of the dead. If the dead, whether righteous or wicked, were

awake, wouldn't the righteous be praising God and the wicked cursing Him? Wouldn't God still be the God of them?

And here are more passages that I've never heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister quote when preaching on the state of the dead.

"And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin." Genesis 35:18 (KJV).

"And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived." 1 Kings 17:20-22 (KJV).

"And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat." Luke 8:53-55 (KJV).

The "soul" in Genesis 35:18 and 1 Kings 17:20-23 and the "spirit" in Luke 8:53-55 are the intellectual process a person has that, at the death of the body, are kept safe in God's memory in a sleeping state until the resurrection of the body. By understanding the simple ENGLISH definitions of soul and spirit, Seventh-day Adventist ministers could easily explain ALL the passages that seem to cause them difficulty.

Remember when John, the user of the fake bible, said, "The Lord does not alter his Word therefore his Word is always true?" See how "true" and unaltered John's fake bible is.

"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth: and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God: thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee." Ezekiel 28:14-15, 18 "(KJV).

"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. 'You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you." Ezekiel 28:14-15, 18 (NKJV).

Any Seventh-day Adventist minister will tell you that Ezekiel 28:14-15, 18 is speaking of Satan the "anointed cherub." The KJV says Satan will be turned to ashes (future tense) and the NKJV says he has been turned to ashes (past tense). Is Satan dead?

Way back John wanted to know "what makes a lie so believable." As it applies to Seventh-day Adventists, the big lie that all bibles are the same is believed because an admired person with impressive credentials says it and because many Seventh-day Adventists have not studied the Spirit of Prophecy and/or the Bible enough to know what is truth and error.

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