

“The Bible Reveals What Happens When You Die” was published on YouTube by Unlocking Bible Prophecies on 2/4/21. The speaker is Dr. Duane McKey, president of Adventist World Radio. At the time I watched this video, this channel had 24,800 subscribers and the video had been viewed 60,641 times.

The title is pretty simple, “The Bible Reveals What Happens When You Die.” Unfortunately, in the video that went 47:14, there wasn’t much substance related to the expressed purpose of the video. “The Bible” used was a fake one (actually two bibles were used) and the video was mostly about Jesus coming again. If you just took Duane’s word for everything, you would be fine but if you actually studied your Bible for yourself using Duane’s “the Bible” you could become confused.

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At 0:30 Duane says, “stay tuned because we’re going to find out what happens to you when you die.”

At 1:27 there is a free offer for a book “called ‘The Desire of The Ages.’” I have heard of *The Desire of Ages* but I never heard of *The Desire of The Ages*. I looked on [adventistbookcenter.com](http://adventistbookcenter.com) and on the Pacific Press web site and found no book by that title. Maybe there is a book by that title but I suspect Duane misspoke.

There follows a rambling discussion of Daniel and Revelation topics and then the topic turns to, not “What Happens When You Die,” but to baptism. My understanding is that Seventh-day Adventist ministers are graded by how many baptisms result from their ministry and that rebaptisms count. According to Duane, you should be baptized by immersion if you have never been baptized in that manner before. That is true. He says you should be rebaptized if you have been baptized by immersion but “have slipped away.” Maybe that is true, but I would have to see some unambiguous explanation of that from an authoritative source. If that is true, there is probably a large percentage of Seventh-day Adventists that should be rebaptized including many Seventh-day Adventist ministers. The third reason given is if you have learned “new truth.”

The part about being rebaptized if you have learned new truth deserves more explanation. In Acts 19, Paul advised Jews who had received John’s baptism to be rebaptized in the name of Jesus. In the *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 3 on page 420, Sister White said that those who came out of Sunday keeping churches into the Seventh-day Adventist Church should be rebaptized. I had only read this within the last few months. It has been the practice of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many decades to accept anyone into membership by profession of faith without rebaptism if they have previously been baptized by immersion into any denomination. Ellen White was, in fact, rebaptized by James White shortly after accepting the Sabbath (see *The Early Years* by Arthur L. White page 121).

At 4:44 parts of John 14:2-3 are quoted. What is quoted is identical in both the New King James Version (NKJV) and in the King James Version (KJV) but the great majority of Scripture quotations in the sermon are identifiable as coming from the NKJV so I think it’s safe to assume the NKJV is being quoted.

Around 5:13 the story is told about Sylvia the cow and his mother that loved her cows. I fail to see what the point was.

At 8:04 Duane says “the Bible” is where we get answers about death. Notice that “the Bible” is singular which would indicate there is a single Bible we can get answers from about death. Following this there is a quotation from Isaiah 28:10 from the NKJV.

At 8:30 he says, “In the Bible, yu, you take everything the Bible has to say about a topic, like the second coming of Jesus. And you line it all up and you find truth.” Remember he said “you take everything the Bible has to say about a topic.” He says that the Bible will tell you about Hell or Purgatory.

At 8:53 a statement oft to be repeated in the sermon is posted. It’s, “If It’s in the Bible, I Believe It. If It’s Not in the Bible, It’s Not for Me.” This would be a good place to read what his favored fake “the Bible” has to say about Hell and Purgatory.

“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).

To be “under punishment” means the unjust are being punished while they wait for judgment. You can’t be meaningfully punished if you’re in a deep and completely unconscious sleep. According to Duane’s fake “Bible,” the wicked must be suffering in Hell or Purgatory while waiting for the judgment. The real Protestant Bible words this verse a bit differently.

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The KJV says the unjust won’t be punished until the day of judgment.

At 15:56, in speaking of what is called the walk to Emmaus, Duane says “Jesus took the Bible” and “opened to Cleopas and his friends, the scriptures concerning Himself.” Jesus did not have “the Bible” in hand and he was only speaking to Cleopas and a single friend. Maybe Duane has problems with singular and plural; that would explain why he says, “the Bible” when he actually means multiple bibles from which he picks whatever he likes.

At 16:19 a snippet of Luke 24:32 is quoted that could be from either the KJV or the NKJV.

At 17:57 Duane says death is “creation in reverse.” Predictably he uses Genesis 2:7 to support this conclusion. That’s what Seventh-day Adventist ministers usually do. The more savvy ones quote it from the KJV even if they usually use a fake bible. Duane chose to blunder through with his favorite fake bible. It’s quoted as follows”

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

He emphasized the words “LIVING BEING.” Following this Duane says, “So, dust plus Spirit, he breathed, breath of God, he becomes then a living being or a living soul. That’s what it is.” He also posted the formula, “Dust + Spirit = A Living Soul.” There is NOTHING about “soul” or “spirit” in the verse he quoted from his “the Bible.” If he needed his “the Bible” to say man became a living soul, he should have used the real Bible.

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There is a verse in the real Bible that shows “spirit” can mean “breath” but Duane never got around to using it. I guess you’re supposed to believe what he says because he smiles a lot and tells stories about cows not to mention the fact that he’s Dr. McKey.

Duane proposes another formula at 18:36; i.e., Elements of Earth + Breath = A Living Being. He seems a little dissatisfied with that though because he says, “he becomes a living being, a living soul.” Once again, his fake bible doesn’t say “soul.”

At 19:27 Genesis 2:17 from the NKJV is used to show that the penalty of eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil was death. He says death is creation in reverse; he says that but he hasn’t provided a passage from his “the Bible” that says that. There is also a problem because his fake bible teaches that the unjust dead are being held “under punishment.”

At 19:33 a verse from Ecclesiastes is quoted from his fake bible.

“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).

Duane explains the verse saying, “It says right there, ‘Then the dust,’ when you die, ‘will return to the earth as it was.’ It goes back to the earth. ‘And the Spirit,’ that’s that breath of life, ‘will return to God who gave it.’” The verse does indeed say the dust returns to the earth. Thus far, he has never provided any passage of Scripture that shows “breath” and “spirit” are synonyms. In the whole presentation he never demonstrates “breath” and “spirit” are synonyms perhaps because there is no verse in his favorite fake bible that shows that. Not even his illustration of building a box and taking it apart shows that “breath” and “spirit” are the same. Here is what he needs compared to what his fake bible says.

“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).

The NKJV has no “spirit” in that verse so it can’t be used to show breath and spirit can mean the same thing. The NKJV makes it pretty clear that the “spirit” returns to God with no proof that it’s the breath and not some conscious entity.

At 20:34 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 is quoted from the NKJV.

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

For those who believe in the immortal soul or spirit, it’s thought that at the resurrection the soul or spirit is united with a new body. Duane hasn’t yet shown it’s not that way.

At 21:04 Duane says, “Remember, God said to Adam and Eve in the garden, in the day that you eat of the fruit of the knowledge, the tree of good and evil you shall surely die.” God didn’t say it exactly that way in any bible that I’m aware of.

At 22:29 Duane starts to quote from Acts.

“For David did not ascend into the heavens...” That part of Acts 2:34 that could be from the KJV or the 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.” Acts 2:29 (NKJV).

Does that help Duane make his point? Every Catholic and Protestant knows that there are bunches of bodies on this earth that didn't ascend into the heavens and that Jesus in his body did ascend into the heavens. This verse doesn't prove that man's spirit didn't leave his body and return to God just as his fake bible said in Ecclesiastes 12:7.

Around 23:00 Duane tells a story of a little girl that was no longer afraid to sleep in a cemetery because she had been shown from "the Bible" that when you die "you go to sleep in Jesus." You have to take Duane's word for this as thus far he has quoted nothing from his "the Bible" that shows this. In the twenty-three plus minutes he has been talking, more benefit would have accrued from quoting a couple of passages from the real Bible that say unequivocally that the dead know nothing and it would have taken much less time than telling the story of Sylvia the cow.

At 24:06 Duane says, "So, wa, one person has asked, some people are still asking, if the dead are not conscious, who are the spirits that communicate to the living? Who are they?" He answers this with part of Revelation 16:14 and Revelation 12:9.

"For they are the spirits of demons, performing signs...". Part of Revelation 16:14 from the NKJV.

"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Revelation 12:9 from the NKJV.

Those verses show there are demons performing signs and that Satan is bad but neither one shows that the dead don't know anything.

At 27:52 Duane quotes William E. Gladstone as saying, "The pagan doctrine of the immortality of the human soul crept into the back door of the church in the early centuries." I would like to remind Duane of his oft repeated saying, "If It's in the Bible, I Believe It. If It's Not in the Bible, It's Not for Me." I couldn't care less what William E. Gladstone said.

At 28:45 Duane begins to quote Genesis 3:3-4 from the NKJV to show Satan was a liar when he told Eve they wouldn't die. I agree, Satan is a liar. Remember that Duane said, "In the Bible, yu, you take everything the Bible has to say about a topic, like the second coming of Jesus. And you line it all up and you find truth." Since you're supposed to "take everything the Bible has to say about a topic" you have to take 2 Peter 2:9 and Ecclesiastes 12:7 from Duane's fake bible that he thinks is the Bible.

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These verses, as they read in Duane's fake bible, means the dead are being punished WHILE they await the judgment and that the spirit leaves the body at death and goes to God. Truly, as it says in Galatians 5:9, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Job said something along similar lines in Job 14:4; i.e., "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one." Satan is a liar and Duane's fake bible lies. Maybe Satan has something to do with Duane's lying "the Bible."

At 29:12 Duane begins to quote 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 from the NKJV.

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

That passage is OK; it does indicate the dead are sleeping. Some would not have listened to Duane for long enough to learn this.

At 30:14 there is a quotation from Amos Phelps. I believe this is the Amos Augustus Phelps who lived from 1805 to 1847 though Duane doesn't publish the source. I care what the Bible says and don't care about what Amos had to say about death.

Finally, at almost 31 minutes into the presentation Duane quotes part of Ecclesiastes 9:5 from the NKJV.

“For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing...”

That should prove “the dead know nothing” shouldn't it? It works for me but then I have a real Bible. Some Mormon missionaries I spoke to years ago, said Solomon wrote this when he was discouraged. A well known Baptist minister whose book I read said the verse was only referring to the life here on this earth because Ecclesiastes 9:6 says it's about things done “under the sun.” In other words, said Baptist minister believed the verse was about things done on this earth and it didn't apply to whatever the immortal soul that had left the body was doing or thinking. I know this is wresting the Scriptures but when you take “everything” a fake bible says about death, you can become confused. By the way, all the fake bibles I've looked up Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 in, teach that the dead don't know anything.

At 34:12 Duane starts talking about the story of Lazarus dying and being resurrected that you can find in John 11. The passage does say Lazarus was dead and death is described as a sleep in Duane's fake bible. Toward the end he posted John 11:39 from the NKJV as follows:

“...Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

There is a problem. In quoting this Duane betrays himself because what he says from his “the Bible” is different than what he has posted for all to read.

“By this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

What he says is from the New International Version (NIV) and not from the NKJV. This shows that Duane believes the NIV is “the Bible.”

Since Duane opened the can of worms, let's see something else his “the Bible” has to say about death.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,” 1 Peter 3:18-20 (NIV).

That passage, from Duane's “the Bible,” clearly shows that Christ AFTER his resurrection talked to dead “spirits.” That aligns perfectly with Duane's other “the Bible” that says that at death the spirit returns to God and that the dead are being punished while they await the judgment.

Here is what the real Protestant Bible says:

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 by water.” 1 Peter 3:18-20 (KJV).

The KJV says Christ was quickened (brought to life) by the spirit (the Holy Spirit) and by the same Holy Spirit the people in the time of Noah were preached to. It does not say Christ preached to dead people.

At 36:55 Acts 1:11 is quoted from the NKJV. This verse is about Jesus departing earth for heaven and isn't about what happens when you die.

At 38:31 another NKJV passage is quoted.

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJV).

I doubt the average person would see anything wrong in that passage. I've never seen a NKJV using minister who spouts off about what the Greek says, ever give any indication that he has a clue there is anything wrong there. Here is the first part of that passage from the real Bible.

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To say “an archangel” implies there is more than one archangel. That would align with what Roman Catholics believe; i.e., that in addition to Michael (another name for Jesus), Raphael and Gabriel are also archangels. The people of some denominations believe there are seven archangels. The verse should read “the archangel” as in the KJV since Michael is the only archangel.

At 40:07 John 11:25 is partially quoted from the NKJV. We'll see what the next verse says.

“And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:26 (NKJV).

If Duane hadn't spent so much time talking about Sylvia the cow and showing a box being made and then torn apart, he could have explained the meaning of that verse.

At 40:11 John 14:2-3 is quoted from the NKJV. It's a very nice passage but doesn't say what happens when you die.

The rest of the video advertises the wonderful things Adventist World Radio is doing.

I have reviewed a number of sermons by Adventist World Radio speakers and have not been favorably impressed by any of them. You would think that a presentation meant for wide distribution would be well organized, well thought out and carefully prepared but thus far I haven't seen that happen.

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