

“7 Deadly Myths in Christianity – Episode 10 – Arise Kill and Eat” was posted on the Scott Ritsema – Belt of Truth YouTube channel in early January, 2023. Pastor Scott Ritsema is the speaker. Scotty mostly uses the New King James Version (NKJV) to show there are certain things we shouldn’t consume. What Scotty apparently doesn’t know is that you cannot show from his favorite fake bible or from the real one that the consumption of unclean meats is prohibited in the Christian era. In order to teach that doctrine, you have to rely on the Spirit of Prophecy. The NKJV also contradicts the Spirit of Prophecy in teaching that doctrine.

I accept the authority of the Spirit of Prophecy and have been a lacto-ovo vegetarian for quite a few decades. That means I don’t eat any flesh foods but do consume products containing milk and eggs on occasion though much less than in times past. In addition I don’t smoke, drink alcoholic beverages and don’t drink caffeinated beverages.

A sermon on clean versus unclean foods is only appropriate if directed in a truthful fashion to an audience that has accepted the authority of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Two different bibles are used in this presentation. What was posted on the screen was from the NKJV which was used about eleven times. The Bible Scotty holds is read from about seven times and is the KJV. Scotty refers to “the Bible” so I have to assume that he considers both the NKJV and the KJV as “the Bible.”

At 4:01 Scotty says, “Now why is, is physical health so important, to God? Why isn’t it more important to so much of Christianity? Maybe part of the reason is how we define a soul? Remember this idea of dualism from the Greeks and you’ve got this floaty thing that can leave your body an’ it’s like the physicalism, physical we just ignore that. But you know what God built Adam of dust, eh, an’ Adam became a soul; remember that in Genesis? It says he became a living being, the, the Hebrew there, *nephesh* for soul, because he was made of something physical, God gave him the breath of life and now this unity, not a dualism, but a unity of the physical and the breath of life, you are a soul. Body, mind, everything.”

Scotty is confused because of using a fake bible. Notice where he said Adam became “a soul.” Adam became a soul in the KJV. Then he said Adam became “a living being” which is how the NKJV words it. Prior to that he asked “how we define a soul.” The answer is really easy and you don’t need to know what *nephesh* means. Just get out an English dictionary and you will find that a person can be called a soul or a person which could also be called a living being. The NKJV is wrong in many places but isn’t wrong in Genesis 2:7.

Scotty also said a soul is made of something “physical” and the “breath of life.” In other words, because he hasn’t read his real Bible and studied English enough, he doesn’t know that “soul” can mean a person or the intangible element of a person called intelligence. Scotty thinks a person is composed of dust and air. There is a pamphlet available on eBay titled *Seventh-day Adventist Death Confusion* that explains this in more detail. Another resource is DeathConfusion.com which is a somewhat sanitized version of the pamphlet more suitable for the general web surfing public. An additional resource is SabbathSchoolGuide.com where you will find an extensive discussion

about what the real Bible says about death in the review of the lessons of the *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* for the fourth quarter of 2022.

Speaking of diet Scotty says at 6:56, “You think the Devil has a deadly myth associated with this stuff? This is it. Myth number seven. God isn’t all that concerned about what I put in my body or my mind. Media choices, dietary choices, oh just a drink or two; it’s not a salvation issue.”

Notice that Scotty thinks there could be a salvation issue in what we eat and what we put in our mind. I agree; those are salvation issues.

“And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.” 1 Corinthians 10:3-4 (KJV).

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they are spirit, and they are life.*” John 6:63 (KJV).

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” John 6:51 (KJV).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” John 1:1-4 (KJV).

Those verses should tell you that what God speaks to us in His Word is our “spiritual meat” or food. Shouldn’t Scotty be a bit concerned about the spiritual food he is feeding his trusting listeners from his fake bible?

At 16:19 Scotty quotes from the KJV which he should have done all the time.

“Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities.” 1 Timothy 5:23 (KJV).

Even though Scotty admits that the Greek word (as if it matters what the Greek says) for fermented grape juice is the same word that would be used for unfermented grape juice, he claims that according to the Bible it couldn’t have been the alcoholic kind of wine because “that would contradict the Bible.” That is despite the fact that he is using two “the Bible” that contradict each other in places.

We don’t know what Timothy’s infirmities were so we don’t know what the wine was for. I believe the keys to understanding this verse are the phrases “drink no longer water” and “use a little wine.” Timothy would never have gotten enough fluids if he didn’t drink any water at all and he couldn’t have maintained hydration by only drinking “a little” of any liquid that you could name. I believe Timothy’s practice had been drinking nothing but water and Paul was telling him

to drink a little unfermented grape juice because of some type of ailment he had; possibly of a nutritional nature. I can't imagine that fermented wine could have had any beneficial effect on Timothy's stomach and that the phrase "stomach's sake" means unfermented grape juice was something that would improve the palatability and/or nutrition of what Timothy was eating.

Although alcoholic beverages have a great preponderance of negative connotations in the Bible that's not entirely so.

"Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts." Proverbs 31:6 (KJV).

The "wine" mentioned in that verse would be the alcoholic kind that was being used for medicinal purposes. The only medicinal uses of ethanol (the alcohol in wine) at this time that I'm aware of is occasionally for the treatment of methanol (wood alcohol) or ethylene glycol (antifreeze) poisoning. There are also legitimate uses for anesthetics and pain medications that shouldn't be used recreationally.

At 17:11 Scotty starts talking about Jesus turning water into wine. I agree that Jesus didn't turn water into an alcoholic beverage because said beverage was to be used recreationally; i.e., at a feast. There was also an intended lesson as wine represents Jesus' shed blood and a beverage that was fermented with yeast, also known as leaven, would have been an inappropriate symbol of Christ's shed blood.

"The wine which Christ provided for the feast, and that which He gave to the disciples as a symbol of His own blood, was the pure juice of the grape. To this the prophet Isaiah refers when he speaks of the new wine 'in the cluster,' and says, 'Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it.' Isa. 65:8. It was Christ who in the Old Testament gave the warning to Israel, 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.' Prov. 20:1. And He Himself provided no such beverage." *The Desire of Ages* page 149.

At 18:03 Scotty starts to shoot himself in the foot. He says, "Did you know that the disciples were mocked at one point for being new wine drinkers? You know the story of the baptism of the Holy Spirit when they received the tongues of fire and they were speaking in languages of all the people assembled and people were amazed and blown away, many of them were impressed by the, by the Holy Spirit and by the power of God and the miraculous presenting of the gospel in other languages that they had not theretofore known."

Notice two things; they were being mocked for being "new wine drinkers." They obviously wouldn't have been mocked if the "new wine" referred to wasn't an alcoholic beverage because, as stupid as it was, they were being accused of being drunk. Peter even said in Acts 2:15 in the KJV, "For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day."

At 18:53 Scotty completes the act of shooting himself in the foot. He says, "The Bible says, 'that there is a blessing in the new wine' and quotes part of Isaiah 65:8 from the fake NKJV where it says, 'As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, 'Do not destroy it, for a blessing is in

it.” All Scotty has shown is that the phrase “new wine” can mean new fermented grape juice or new unfermented grape juice.

Speaking of the plant based diet before the flood Scotty says, at 28:32, “And so on that plant based original Eden diet, these, these Antediluvian people were living hundreds and hundreds of years.” He claims that God put the Israelites “on that same kind of diet.” What Scotty doesn’t say is that though the Israelites were in the wilderness for forty years where a significant part of their diet was manna, they still ate flesh from their flocks and herds and the priests were supposed to eat the flesh from some of the people’s offerings. They were NOT on a plant based diet. Jesus ate fish before and after His resurrection so He wasn’t on a plant based diet either.

Here is something Scotty didn’t tell you. You cannot teach from the NKJV that people after the flood, with the exception of the children of Israel after the exodus from Egypt, weren’t permitted to eat anything that walked, flew or crawled.

King James Bible – “Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.” Genesis 9:3-4 (KJV).

New King James Version – “Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.” Genesis 9:3-4 (NKJV).

In this verse God was speaking to Noah after the flood. Look at this quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy.

“Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.’ Before this time God had given man no permission to eat animal food; He intended that the race should subsist wholly upon the productions of the earth; but now that every green thing had been destroyed, He allowed them to eat the flesh of the clean beasts that had been preserved in the ark.” *Patriarchs and Prophets* page 107.

It appears that what is written in *Patriarch and Prophets* contradicts the Bible. Scotty’s fake bible says “every moving thing that lives shall be food” and the other says “every moving thing that liveth shall be meat.” It appears that God, per the NKJV, told Noah that he could even eat pig since pig is in the category of “every moving thing.”

According to Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language, “meat” can mean “food in general,” “flesh of animals,” “spiritual food,” “spiritual comfort,” “products of the earth proper for food,” “mysteries of religion” and “ceremonial ordinances.” “Food” is variously defined as “whatever is eaten by animals for nourishment, and whatever supplies nutriment to plants” and “flesh or vegetables eaten for sustaining human life” “whatever supplies nourishment” and “something that sustains, nourishes and augments.”

There is another dictionary. The real Bible can be used to define its own words.

“Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.” Numbers 14:9 (KJV).

“Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.” Matthew 10:9-10 (KJV).

“Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire.” Luke 10:3-4, 7 (KJV).

What those verses should tell you is that “bread” in Numbers 14:9 is the various products the Israelites would possess from the dispossessed Canaanites since they weren’t to become cannibals.

Comparing Matthew 10:9-10 with Luke 10:3-4, 7 shows that “meat” and “hire” can mean the same thing. The dictionary definitions show that “meat” can mean food in general including “bread.” “Bread” could have been substituted in Genesis 9:3-4 without changing the meaning and Numbers 14:9 shows that “bread” doesn’t always mean food. In Numbers 14:9 “meat” means the use of all the possessions of the Canaanites including unclean creatures but it doesn’t mean unclean animals could be eaten as food. The unclean ones could be used to ride on, for leather, etc. There is no contradiction of the Spirit of Prophecy in the King James Bible but there is in the NKJV because “food” in the context of Genesis 9:3-4 can only mean something that is taken into a person for bodily nourishment.

Here is a definition of “meat” from the Tormont Webster’s Illustrated Encyclopedic Dictionary and some definitions of “bread” from the Oxford English Reference Dictionary. One definition of “meat” is, “valuable or significant content.” Some definitions of “bread” are “money” and “one’s livelihood.” That’s more evidence that “meat” and “bread” aren’t always something you put in your mouth and eat.

Here’s more Scotty hasn’t mentioned.

“That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.” Acts 15:29 (KJV).

There is NOTHING in that verse that prohibits eating unclean meats and the same message is presented Acts 15:20 and in Acts 21:25. I recommend you read those additional verses for yourself. The only foods prohibited were foods offered to idols, blood, and flesh from animals that had been strangled. The reason flesh, whether clean or unclean, from strangled animals wasn’t to be eaten was because blood can’t be effectively removed from a strangled animal.

And now the coup de grâce using Scotty’s favorite fake sword.

“So He said to them, ‘Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?’” Mark 7:18-19 (NKJV).

This isn't hard. Follow the path of the food. The food, be it Linketts or pork, enters a man through his mouth. The food then goes to the stomach following which it is eliminated. Scotty's fake sword then says what has been eliminated through the terminal orifice is purified. It's clean! Tell that to your mother.

Here is what the real sword of the Spirit says.

“And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?” Mark 7:18-19 (KJV).

The real Bible says food enters the mouth, goes to the “belly” (stomach), then goes to the “draught” (sewer or latrine) and is thus purged (eliminated). It says nothing about fecal waste being purified. Your mother would probably like that better.

The only way you can show that pork, etc., is prohibited in the Christian era is by using the Spirit of Prophecy and if you go by the Spirit of Prophecy a healthy person shouldn't be eating any flesh food whatsoever.

At 30:15 Scotty starts to discuss Genesis 9 which is already adequately discussed above. He says, “Well, let's go to Genesis nine and in verse three God states, now every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you. This would be literal meat. Um, even as the green herb, now I've given you this every living thing. Every moving thing that liveth is going to be your food. Well, does the Bible contradict here? Ah, because it seems to indicate not eating the living things but, well, it previously this is the best diet for you. This is what eh, this is what the people lived on, for that whole period of time before the flood and now he says, now eat animals, please. What happened to set us up for that verse in chapter nine?” Scotty explains that due to the lack of plants after the flood, people were permitted to eat flesh food.

Scotty doesn't know what you should now know. Part of what he quoted was as it is written in the KJV since he used the words “liveth” and “meat” which don't appear in that passage in the NKJV. He then talks about “food” and “food” doesn't appear in the KJV but does appear in the NKJV. Scotty is mixing and matching. Scotty talks fast and since most people listening to him don't know much about what any bible says and don't understand English any more than he does, he is probably believed by many.

At 31:54 Scotty says, “Now was he to eat any and every type of animal out there?” Even though his favorite fake bible says, “every moving thing that lives shall be food for you,” Scotty isn't happy with that so goes to Genesis 7:2 to show God made a distinction between clean and unclean beasts. Granted, such a distinction was made but still there is no way around the fact that his

favorite fake bible says, “every moving thing that lives shall be food for you.” If he used the real Bible and understood a bit more about English he could have found a way out of his conundrum.

At 40:37 Scotty starts to discuss clean and unclean meats using the KJV. That’s a good thing because what is called clean in the KJV isn’t necessarily called clean in the NKJV. The swan is called unclean in the KJV but not in the NKJV. If the swan is unclean, duck probably is also. In the NKJV ostrich is called unclean. Since their eating habits are similar, if the ostrich is unclean, chicken probably is also. This makes no matter to me since I don’t eat any of the animals mentioned whether clean or unclean. The fact remains, the ONLY dietary prohibitions laid upon the Christian Gentiles were those of not eating blood or of things strangled with NO mention of clean and unclean meats.

At 43:58 Scotty says, “So we have to go with the Bible.” He then says, “And with the Bible there’s no need to doubt.” At 44:33, which would be a whole THIRTY-FIVE SECONDS after he said, “so we have to go with the Bible,” Scotty says, “Oh, of course, Jesus did not with the pig, and with the shellfish, He did not proclaim those clean anywhere in the four gospels. People say, Mark 7:19. People mistranslated and misread that. Jesus said food that is eaten with unwashed hands.” LOL. According to the fake “the Bible” Scotty has used the most (read the discussion of Mark 7:18-19 above) Jesus said feces is clean. Despite Scotty’s brave words, he doesn’t wish to go with his favorite “the Bible” or maybe he is too unfamiliar with English and anatomy to know what his favorite fake “the Bible” is really saying.

Here's Mark 7:18-19 from a fake bible popular with Seventh-day Adventists (you need look no further than one of the Andrews study bibles) that Scotty didn’t use. See if you have any problem understanding what Jesus allegedly said.

“‘Are you so dull?’ he asked. ‘Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.’ (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)” Mark 7:18-19 from the New International Version.

At 50:43 Scotty notes that “media” can have a bad influence. Is it possible that fake bibles also have a bad influence?

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