

“Special Message to all Pastors across the world” was posted on YouTube by Sermons Room on 10/29/20. I don’t know when the talk was given. This was apparently part of a series of talks given to pastors at Union College in Lincoln, NE with the speaker being Randy Roberts who has been the senior pastor at the Loma Linda University Seventh-day Adventist Church since 2000. At one time he was a professor of religion at the Loma Linda University school of religion. Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr. (former president of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists) and his wife pastor Beth Halvorsen (a.k.a., Buffy) were in the audience and known to Randy Roberts. Randy went to school in Keene, Texas at the same time Ron Halvorsen, Sr. taught there and at the same time Ron Halvorsen, Jr. was there.

At 2:12 Randy said, “I hold in my hands a book. A book about which I want to ask you a question. I don’t want to ask for a show of hands because it is not my purpose in asking this question either to drive you to embarrassment and guilt or pride on the other hand.” The question was “about this book we call the Bible” and the question was, “have you read it?” What he calls “the Bible” is the 1984 edition of the New International Version (NIV84).

I have not counted the words in the King James Version (KJV) and in the NIV84 but those who have say the NIV has around 60,000 fewer words than the KJV. It is also one of the fake bibles that says in 2 Samuel 21:19 that Elhanan killed Goliath. Understand I say it’s the 1984 edition because everything he read from it during this discourse matches my 1984 edition word for word.

Around 4:13 he says, referring to what he calls a Bible, “we have staked our lives on this book” and “we have staked our spiritual lives, our eternal destinies, on this book.” Somewhat surprisingly he seems to think some in his audience would “have to blow away the dust” from their Bible to look up a text. I hope not but he should know. He says biblical illiteracy is on the rise and I certainly agree with that. Remember what he said about biblical illiteracy because it will be important in the last part of this three part review.

Around 5:10 Randy started talking about something Jay Leno did on the tonight show. There followed a number of pretty funny answers to Bible questions. One person was asked if they could name even one of the Ten Commandments and the person allegedly said, “freedom of speech?” More jokes about answers to Bible questions followed. Yes, pretty funny but the poison put into new bibles is much more subtle than that and most people have no idea of the deception that is being practiced on them.

Around 8:24 there started a long discussion of the answers given to a church board by a man who was being examined for membership in the church. I know it never happened because to give the answers the man allegedly gave, he would have had to have read his Bible through more than once. If he had read his Bible that much, he never would have given those stupid answers.

Around 12:58 he began to speak on Matthew 13:18-23. No discussion of the English Bible would be complete without referring to what the Greek and/or the Hebrew said and Randy doesn’t disappoint. Knowing even a few Greek or Hebrew words establishes one as an expert

everyone should believe without much question. Randy then threw in what some “scholars” think about the passage. He was trying to show the Word is important.

Around 20:05 he read 1 Peter 2:2-3 where he noted we should, “crave, yearn for, thirst for that pure spiritual milk.” That sounds good.

Around 28:19 he read Psalms 119:105. There is no problem with that verse even in his fake bible. His point was “the guidance comes from the Word.” I agree; that’s why it’s important to use the real Word.

Around 35:37 he began to discuss Ephesians 6:12. What you will notice about Seventh-day Adventist ministers using fake bibles is that in a dissertation that includes five or ten Bible verses, they almost inevitably pick one that has some poison in it without knowing it and if they do see a problem they fall back on the KJV reading. Randy was no exception. He spoke about what “Christ in the heavenly places has done for and given to the church.” He then said, quoting Ephesians 6:12, “we wrestle not against flesh and blood, it’s not just people, people aren’t the real issue, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of this dark world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Though he had his fake bible open when he said this, it’s not what his fake bible said. It says:

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

The phrase “heavenly realms” occurs in four other places in the book of Ephesians. Let’s look at those.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3 (NIV84).

“which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,” Ephesians 1:20 (NIV84).

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,” Ephesians 2:6 (NIV84).

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 3:10 from the NIV84.

For comparison, here is what the real Protestant Bible says in Ephesians 6:12.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12 (KJV).

In the other four verses in Ephesians that mention “heavenly realms” do you see ANY indication that there would be wickedness there? There is currently NO wickedness in “heavenly realms” since Satan and his angels were expelled from there. Spiritual wickedness in high places could be the pope or even some of the dignitaries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Randy was correct in saying “spiritual wickedness in high places” but that is not what the fake bible says that Randy promotes. It’s not what the fake bible about which he said, “we have staked our lives on this book” and “we have staked our spiritual lives, our eternal destinies, on this book” says. Does Randy suffer from biblical illiteracy?

Randy then continued reading in Ephesians 6 and discussed the armor of God. He really liked verse 17 where it says to take “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” I also really like that verse but if Randy ever had to use the spiritual sword he held in his hand he would find it grossly defective. I’m sure Randy, a paid professional purveyor of spiritual wisdom, knows where some of the defects in his sword are but one of his sheep that tried to use his recommended sword might not be so lucky.

I was in the Loma Linda University Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2017 and the pew bible was the NIV. That’s the sword he’s having his sheep use. It’s also the sword he’s promoting to the Seventh-day Adventist ministers listening to him. Will those ministers then influence their sheep to think the bible version makes no difference? I would say yes; without a doubt. The stream of wickedness from high places flows a long way.

During this talk there were references to and quotations from George Barna of The Barna Group, Chuck Swindoll (Charles R. Swindoll) a Sunday keeping minister of the Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, TX, R. A. Torrey a Congregational minister (born 1856 and died 1928) and Amos Wells who, among other things, was on the International Sunday-School Lesson Committee. There was not a peep about Ellen G. White or any unique Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. I looked on YouTube for any of his sermons about the Sabbath, the Heavenly Sanctuary, the investigative judgment, the third angel’s message, the state of the dead and the health message and came up with a big fat zero. Perhaps he has preached on some of those subjects before but I found no examples. If anyone knows of an example of where he preached on a distinctive Seventh-day Adventist belief please let me know.

I have been somewhat hard on ministers like Doug Batchelor, Stephen Bohr, etc. who use fake bibles and get into trouble with them. They are at least trying to teach distinctive Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. Thus far, I’ve found no evidence that Randy preaches anything but love, love, love. Another way to say it is he preaches smooth things that about every other Protestant minister out there preaches.

In my efforts to find something of substance from Randy, I reviewed a couple more of his videos.

“How to Preach Hermeneutics for life-Randy Robert Keynote” was posted on YouTube by Sermons Room on 10/30/20. I believe it’s part of the same series that was discussed above.

Another bit of information disclosed it that he got his Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary (not an S.D.A. Seminary if you didn't already know that).

Around 4:29 2 Timothy 4:1-5 from the NIV84 was discussed. Around 6:30 he referred to his bible as "the Word of God" and later as "the Word."

Around 11:40 he related how he made a decision to read the whole Bible through from Genesis to Revelation every year. This decision was arrived at whilst jogging in Loma Linda, CA. At the time of his jog he had been in the seminary, worked as a pastor, and worked as a chaplain for several years each. He said at one time he started reading in "the trusty old King James Version" which he says was "a long grueling process" and mentions "thees and thous" as being part of the grueling process and said "it was tough going." He thought he got through it but wasn't one hundred percent sure.

And THAT is the reason for biblical illiteracy. Since he mentioned maybe reading "the trusty old King James Version" through once and that it was a "grueling process" I would presume he has been reading the easy-to-read fake bibles ever since then. He said he has read a bible through yearly in different versions ever since then. Absolutely incredible! He stumbled over ENGLISH thees and thous and yet yaps about what the Greek says? I would be embarrassed to say that. He apparently has never caught a clue that his different versions were wrong in many places or maybe he doesn't care. So now we have a minister who felt it too hard to read the infallible Bible in English teaching others that "the trusty old King James Version" is too hard to read.

Around 32:42 he started to discuss Luke 15:4-7. This is the story of the lost sheep. The first part of this is quoted from his fake bible and then from the real Protestant Bible for comparison.

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV84).

"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?" Luke 15:4 (KJV).

I understand, the "doth" in the KJV is probably too much for him to handle.

He then spoke of an old song that said "there were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold." He then said the song was wrong. He says "the text" says the ninety-nine sheep were "left in the open country." It's his opinion they weren't left in a fold but left out in the open with no protection at all. I don't particularly care if Randy thinks the song was wrong except this time if the song is wrong Ellen G. White is also wrong.

"No; no sooner does the sheep go astray than the shepherd is filled with grief and anxiety. He counts and recounts the flock. When he is sure that one sheep is lost, he slumbers not. He leaves the ninety and nine within the fold, and goes in search of the straying sheep." *Christ's Object Lessons* page 188.

How did Randy come to this conclusion? First of all he was getting his spiritual milk from a fake bible that says the sheep were “left in the open country.” Open means open with no protection. The KJV says the sheep were left in the wilderness but that doesn’t mean they had no shelter. You could say you lived in California but that wouldn’t mean you didn’t have a house. Here is a bit of education on sheepfolds from *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*.

“Less substantial inclosures were hastily formed of tangled thorn branches for temporary use on pastures remote from home.”

If Randy had trouble getting through the bible, what do you think the chances are that Randy has ever read the Conflict of the Ages Series, *Testimonies for the Church*, etc? After all, those books have thees and thous in them. My suggestion for Randy would be some remedial training, which he probably never got in the seminary, by reading through the inspired writings of Ellen G. White who had no trouble with thees and thous even though she had never completed grade school.

This video went about one hour and twenty minutes with not one peep about Ellen G. White or her writings. He did say Donald Barnhouse and Billy Graham were “statesmen of the faith.” Donald Barnhouse was one of the players in the compromise of our church with evangelicals in the publication of the divisive *Questions on Doctrine*. Billy Graham has been said by some of his fellow Baptists to guide converts at his meetings into the arms of the Roman Catholic Church. Also mentioned were the Presbyterian minister Bryan Chapell, another Presbyterian minister John Henry Jowett and Fred Craddock, a minister of the Christian Church. The only Seventh-day Adventist minister mentioned was Ron Halvorsen, Sr.

We go on to our third and final talk.

“Randy Roberts” was published on YouTube by Staphanie Grant on 8/19/12. Per Stephanie, the talk is about “ordination without regard to gender.” The talk was given at a Marriott in the Pacific Union and voting was to take place but the specific gathering wasn’t identified. The talk was given a little before 8/19/12.

The definition of gender used to be male and female like where it says in Genesis 1:27, “male and female created he them.” Our current English speaking world has a bit broader definition of gender. Other currently recognized genders include transgender, ambonec (identifying as both man and woman, yet neither at the same time), amicagender (gender that changes depending on the friend you’re with) and the list goes on.

Around 0:12 Randy stated that there is no text that forbids ordination of women. During this sermon, the bible he is using reads like the 2011 edition of the New International Version (NIV11). In 1 Timothy 3:2 it says an “overseer” must be “faithful to his wife, in 1 Timothy 3:12 it says a deacon is to be “faithful to his wife” and in Titus 1:5-6 it says an elder must “be faithful to his wife.” Even using Randy’s fake Bible it seem clear that Paul taught women were not to be elders, deacons or overseers of God’s flock. Of course, if you take the verses out of context and

wrest the Scriptures a bit, you could say the designated “husband” of a homosexual couple could hold one of those offices. There has already been an S.D.A. Church in California where a man who wanted to be a woman was made an elder and a Sabbath School teacher. Then there was the Seventh-day Adventist minister in California who baptized a woman who was in a same sex marriage.

Randy decries the “wooden literalism” of some people that take the real Bible as it reads. He admits that Scripture says there are certain things women can do and certain things they cannot do. Supposedly if you take things “without any context, interpretation or thought” some of the things women would be prohibited from doing would be a president of a hospital or university. If Randy had understood the context, he would have known that Paul was speaking about the CHURCH and not about presidents of hospitals or universities. As for not suffering a woman to teach, speak or usurp authority over the man goes; I didn’t make the rule; Paul did at the inspiration of God. Supposedly women would also need to bear children to experience salvation. I have never heard of any wooden literalist who thinks a woman has to bear a child to be saved. That’s a ridiculous allegation and is irrelevant to the matter of women being ordained ministers.

Around 1:17 Randy said the Bible mentions women who filled “every” leadership role conceivable. He must have forgotten that there were no women priests, there were no women deacons, there were no women elders and no women apostles ever described among God’s people in Scripture. Furthermore, just because some activities were described as happening in the Bible doesn’t mean they were as God intended things should be done. Some of the leadership roles mentioned were:

That of a prophetess. That is very true. The Bible clearly supports the role of prophetesses all the way back to Miriam. Randy should review the story of Miriam in Numbers 12 where she was made a leper after she and Aaron (with her instigation) thought they should be on a level with Moses. In fact, Randy should read that two or three times just so he doesn’t forget.

Deborah was a judge but that was during a time of apostasy when there were no fit men for the job.

“Ruth was a loyal and astute progenitor of Christ.” How does Ruth being a faithful and childbearing wife make her a leader? Maybe only Randy knows.

“Esther was a queen.” So what? Since Queen Vashti was demoted from her role as queen because she refused to appear before the people and princes to show off her beauty, it’s clear neither she nor Esther had a leadership role.

“Mary was the mother of our Lord.” Another non leadership role and entirely irrelevant.

Jesus had many faithful and courageous women disciples. Sure He did but they didn’t have leadership roles.

“Priscilla was in a ministry team with her husband.” Priscilla witnessed for Christ but there is NO record of her having a leadership role or usurping authority over men. Randy believes that

because Paul “normally places Priscilla first” when referring to the “ministry team” Priscilla was the leader. Really Randy? Aquila and Priscilla are mentioned in five different Bible verses and in three of those Aquila is mentioned first. Randy probably didn’t have math in the seminary. Of course, three of those verses are in Acts and that was written by Luke. If you take Romans and 1 Corinthians which were authored by Paul, Priscilla is mentioned first once. That still doesn’t place Priscilla “normally” before Aquila. Supposedly “scholars” agree with Randy. Apparently the scholars don’t know how to count either.

Phoebe was allegedly a deaconess. Actually, his fake bible says she was a “deacon.” If that is true, Paul contradicts what he taught in 1 Timothy 3:12 where he said they were to be “husbands of one wife.”

Junia was allegedly identified by Paul as a “leading apostle.” There are two things Randy neglected to say. There is no proof that Junia was a woman and the real Bible doesn’t say she, if she was a she, was an apostle. Here is what the real Bible says followed by what Randy’s fake bible says.

“Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.” Romans 16:7 from the KJV.

“Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.” Romans 16:7 from the NIV11.

Randy’s fake bible does say Junia was an apostle. The real Protestant Bible only says Junia was “of note” (well known) to the apostles. Randy closes his list by saying women had every imaginable role in the Bible. No Randy, they didn’t. Junia wasn’t an apostle, there were no women elders, no women deacons and no women priests.

Randy then went to Galatians 3:28 where Paul said “there is neither male nor female” (he quoted as in the KJV) and claims this opens up all churches offices to women. I guess it does if you believe Paul contradicted himself in other places and if you read it with wooden literalism. He says it’s an affront to God to see a distinction where God sees none. Well, the Bible is replete with examples where God DID make a distinction between male and female so it would appear to be an affront to God to make no distinction where God did make a distinction. If you wish to take Randy’s logic a bit further, it could make you make no distinction at all between genders and that would include transgender people. Randy got applause at this point from his appreciative audience.

Randy then wanted to discuss “Seventh-day Adventist doctrine.” For Seventh-day Adventist doctrine he went to the twenty-eight fundamental beliefs as in the Church Manual and to fundamental belief number fourteen. He noted that it was part of the beliefs voted by the world church in session. It was important for him to phrase it that way because of what Ellen G. White wrote though he didn’t mention her name yet.

“But when the judgment of the General Conference, which is the highest authority that God has upon the earth, is exercised, private independence and private judgment must not be maintained, but be surrendered.” *Testimonies for the Church* volume 3 page 492.

The princes of our church are happy to use Sister White’s writings to support their position even though they ignore her counsel in other areas. Here is a quotation they’re not so likely to use.

“The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority—not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord’ in its support.” *The Great Controversy* page 595.

Randy read fundamental belief number fourteen which says differences in various items including “male and female” must not be divisive and that members are “to serve and be served without partiality or reservation.” I would have to ask, since there is no biblical support for female ordained (or the sneakier commissioned) ministers, why are those promoting the feminist agenda insisting on repeated agitation of this divisive issue? By the time this presentation had been downloaded to YouTube in 2012 the world church in session had voted down women’s ordination twice and it has been voted down since then. That would be THREE TIMES the world church voted not to ordain women and that vote has been ignored by the North American Division and by various unions and conferences.

He continued by saying all are God’s children and reminded his audience that the wording was voted by the General Conference in session. He didn’t say the General Conference in session had prior to that time voted down women’s ordination in 1990 and in 1995. Then he said, “now, that’s doctrine.” Incredible. A man is calling something in a book compiled by men with no higher calling than minister of the gospel and something that contradicts the Bible “doctrine.” During my years as a Seventh-day Adventist I have heard many ministers speak but I have never heard one who was so willing to take Scripture out of context and twist its words. This is a man leading one of the largest Seventh-day Adventist churches, one who teaches Seventh-day Adventist ministers and one who has taught in a Seventh-day Adventist school of religion.

Randy then started reading from “General Conference working policy.” That is a publication I don’t have so will have to take his word for what it says. He says the policy emphasizes complete equality “even in pastoral ministry.” The policy says “the church rejects any system or philosophy which discriminates against anyone on the basis of race, color or gender. The church bases its position on principles clearly enunciated in the, the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White and the official pronouncements of the General Conference.”

It has been the goal of the gay community to link race and color discrimination with gender discrimination. Considering the multiple genders besides male and female that currently exist in the minds of people, the General Conference policy as written would not prohibit a transgender homosexual male from being the General Conference president. When you use fake bibles that

promote gender equality in all matters of church office that is one result. When you use “easy-to-read” fake bibles you lose the ability to distinguish different subtle nuances in English words. In short, you become biblically illiterate which Randy in another talk said was a bad thing.

Randy then quoted a Sister White passage that in no way says women can be ordained anything. Further discussion of General Conference policy followed.

I don’t doubt that General Conference policy can be interpreted to mean women can be ordained ministers but I reject the notion that General Conference policy takes precedence over the real Protestant Bible. Randy got applause and a lot of amens from people who don’t know, don’t care or don’t understand what the real Bible or General Conference policy says. Randy again claimed that the gender equality he is promoting is “Seventh-day Adventist doctrine.” He said differing policies have “neither shattered nor strengthened the church.” True, the church hasn’t been entirely shattered and it hasn’t been strengthened but it certainly has been weakened.

Randy then claimed that Paul, in the interest of promoting unity, doesn’t say there has to be unanimity of thought regarding circumcision or the issue of food offered to idols. Randy needs to try really hard to get through the thees and thous of the real Protestant Bible and he would learn Paul did say there was to be unanimity of thought regarding circumcision and food offered to idols. The sheep listening to him probably have little chance of seeing the deception since many have probably used a fake bible for the little bible study they have done and have relied on a minister like Randy to tell them what to believe.

Around 17:44 Randy said he “must be willing to flex to the situations and circumstances” in which he lives and ministers. This is called compromise even though he said it isn’t. He then quotes Sister White in *Selected Messages Book One* page 259 where she speaks of “equality of believers in Christ” and takes that to mean women can be ordained ministers.

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