

“Walter Veith & Martin Smith – Which Bible? Part 2 – What’s Up, Prof?” was published on YouTube by Amazing Discoveries Africa on 4/16/20.

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This was in general a good presentation. Walter is the only Seventh-day Adventist minister I’ve heard that is willing to talk about the errors in the New King James Version (NKJV). Some other ministers preferentially use the NKJV but don’t criticize it but instead criticize the King James Version (KJV). Though the presentation was good there were some statements that weren’t entirely accurate.

At 10:35 it was said that all modern bibles are copyrighted. It depends on what you call a modern bible. The Revised Version (RV) came out as a whole bible in 1885 and is now in the public domain. The American Standard Version came out in 1901 and is now in the public domain. Being in the public domain means the copyright has expired. You might say they’re not “modern bibles.” Actually, they have many of the errors of the modern bibles and what you would call a “modern bible” is many times based on the same corrupted Greek text used for the RV that originated (though it has been changed some since) with Westcott and Hort.

At 12:48 Walter says that even the New International Version contains the Word of God. I agree that some of the words are of God but mixed in with them are some words of Satan.

There is a brief discussion of Vaticanus around 16:10 where it is said it might have originated with Constantine. It was “discovered” in the Pope’s library in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and has NO provenance. You can say it “might” have originated with Constantine but you can’t prove that. I think it’s more likely that it was a fraudulent production of the Roman Catholic Church.

At 22:34 it is said that in the “Apocrypha” Jacob was said to worship the top of his staff in the Vulgate. Actually, that passage is not in the Apocrypha but is found in Hebrews 11:21. Here is what that verse says in three different versions:

KJV – “By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.”

Revised Standard Version (RSV) – “By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.”

Douay Rheims Bible (DRB) – “By faith Jacob, dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and adored the top of his rod.”

The RSV is worded differently than the DRB but both can be taken to mean that Jacob worshipped his staff. Both of these bibles are Roman Catholic Bibles (really). You can find verses from the RSV in the back of the *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* and,

ironically, in the current *Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* which is titled “How to Interpret Scripture.”

Around 38:16 it was said that the Spirit of Prophecy used the King James Bible but when the new ones came out she used some. It was then said she used them less and less. This information was likely gleaned from Martin Klein’s book that Walter referred to. There is something Walter and Martin may not be aware of. I have a copy of the *Ministry of Healing* published in 1909 which was only six years before Ellen G. White died. In it you will find a profusion of verses from American Revised Version, some from the RV and some from Noyes’ Translation and Leeser’s Translation. My opinion is that those bibles were used not because Sister White wanted them used but because some person or persons thought they knew better than she what bible to use.

At 38:39 Walter says the *The Clear Word* isn’t an Adventist bible. I beg to differ. It is marketed as a Bible at the Adventist Book Center. In addition both of mine were published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. On the “Dear Young Reader” page, *The Clear Word for Kids* says, “This paraphrased Bible was written especially for you!” On the front cover of *The Clear Word Youth Devotional* it says “AN EXPANDED PARAPHRASE OF THE BIBLE.”

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