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Recognizing the Evil Strategies of the Adversary —The Devil, Like a Lion, is “Seeking Whom He May Devour” (1 Peter 5:8)

**Strategy for War in the Last Days –
Successfully Combating Satan**

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"The Great Imitator"

JAMES E. FAUST

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Brigham Young quote

General Conference Talks

- **Satan—The Great Deceiver**; Marion G. Romney; April 1971 General Conference
- **Power Over Satan**; ElRay L. Christiansen
October 1974 General Conference
- **Satan's Bag of Snipes**; Richard C. Edgley
October 2000 General Conference
- **The Great Imitator** James E. Faust; October
1987 General Conference
- **Satan's Thrust—Youth**; Ezra Taft Benson
October 1971 General Conference

Study ... evil, and
its consequences.

Brigham Young, *Discourses of Brigham Young*

Lest Satan should
get an advantage of
us: for we are not
ignorant of
his devices.

Paul 2 Cor. 2:11

No good can come
from getting close
to evil. Like playing
with fire, it is too
easy to get burned.

James E. Faust, *The Great Imitator*

The knowledge of
sin tempteth to
its commission.

Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*

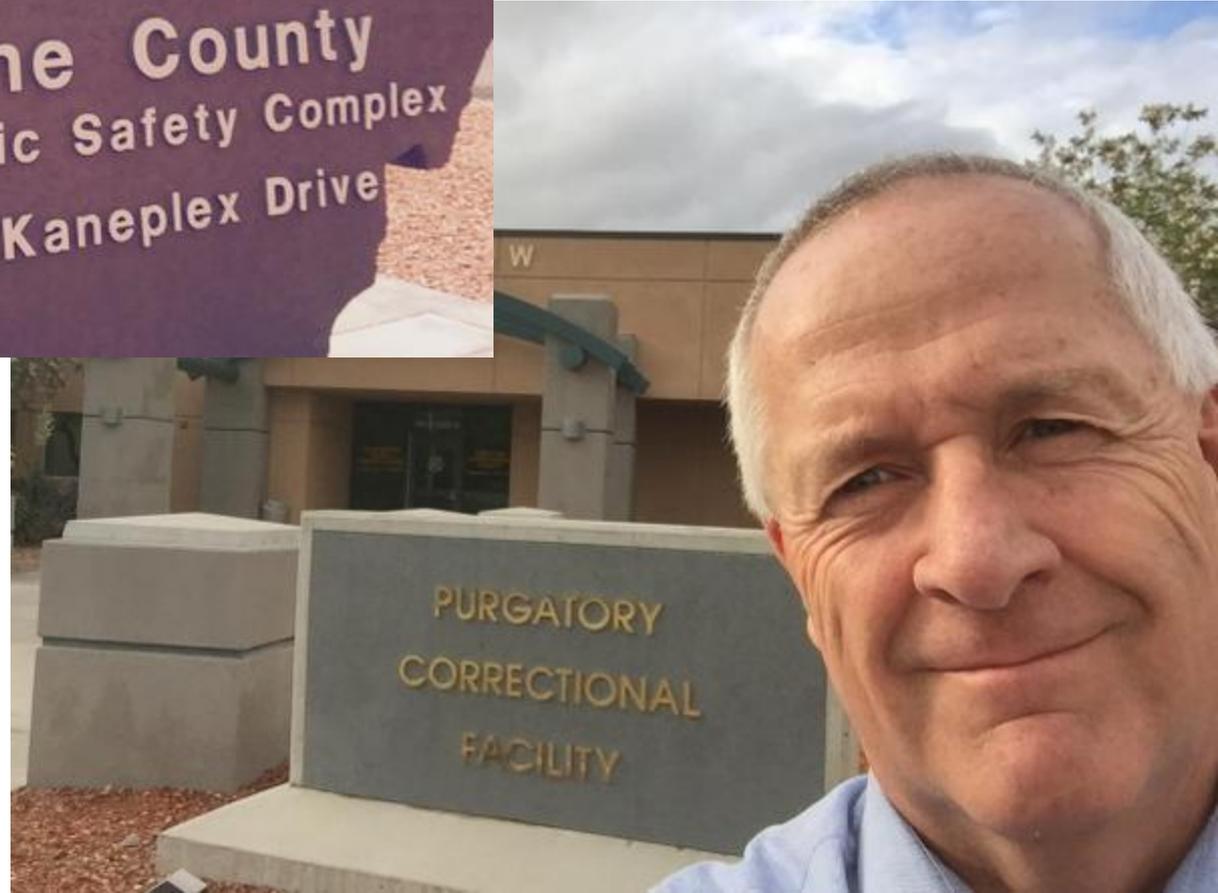
Don't Talk About These Things!

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- Devil/Satan



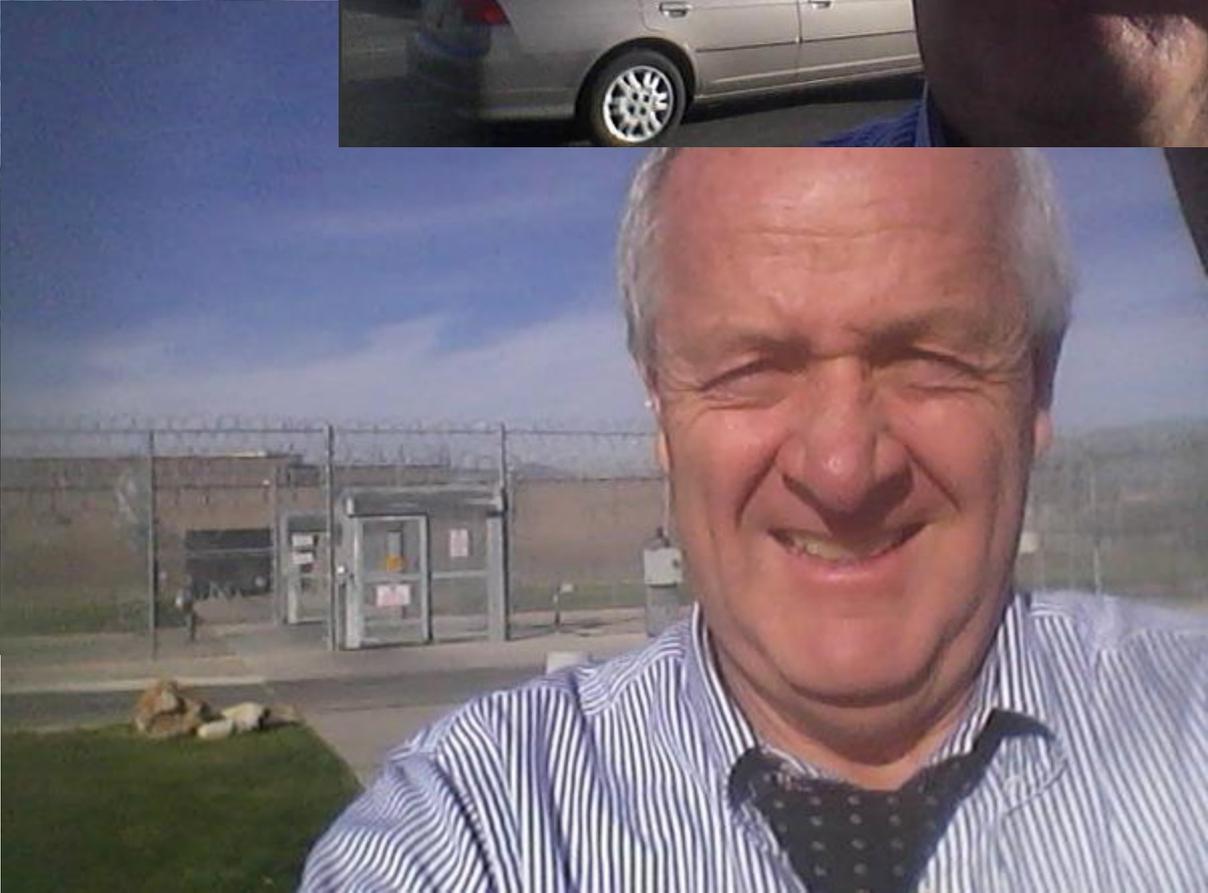


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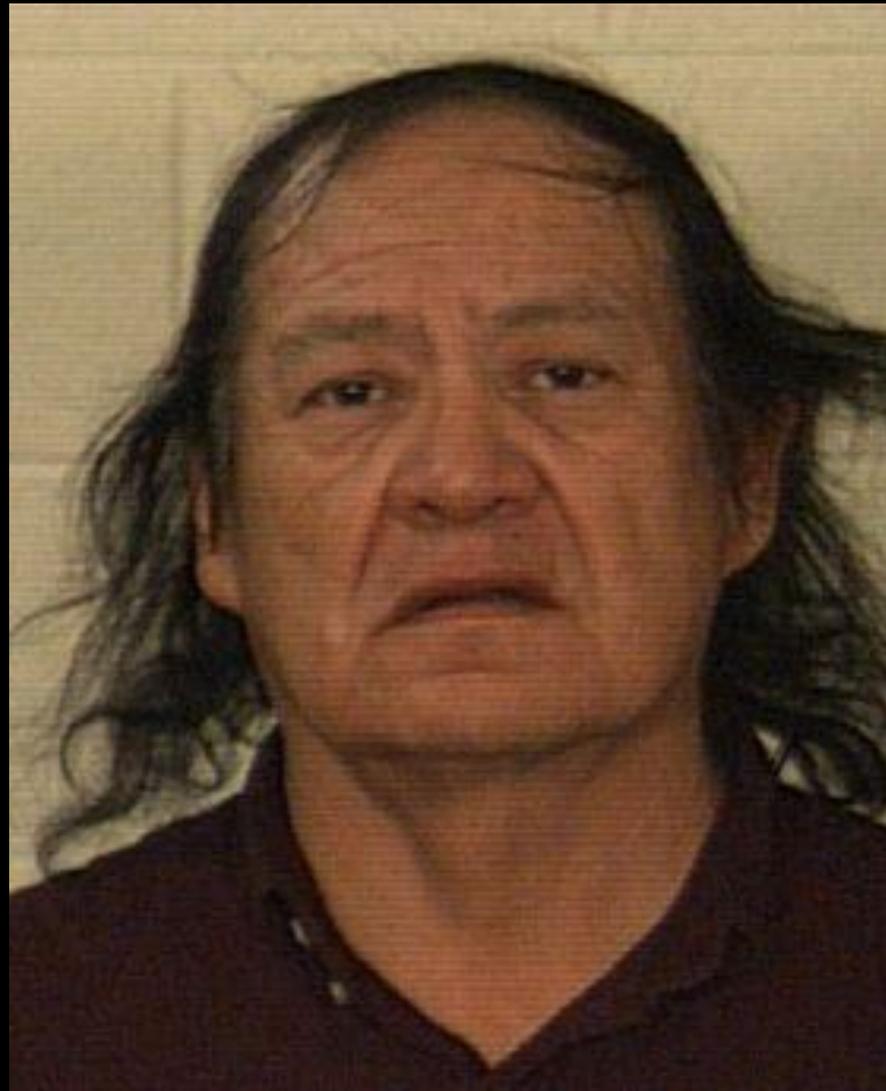
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Number of victims: **1**
Date of murder: **June 23, 1988**
Date of arrest: **5 days after**
Date of birth: **June 1959**
Victim profile: **Charla Nicole King** (female, 11)
Method of murder: **Strangulation with a telephone cord**
Location: **Weber County, Utah, USA**

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The excommunication of Elder George P. Lee



The excommunication of Elder George P. Lee

After serving as a general authority for fourteen years, ten of those years under Spencer W. Kimball, Elder Lee was excommunicated on September 1st, 1989 for "apostasy and other conduct unbecoming a member of the church." Lee was the 1st general authority to be excommunicated since 1943, when Apostle Richard R. Lyman was excommunicated for living in an adulterous relationship. His autobiography proved to be popular. "*Silent Courage: An Indian Story: The Autobiography of George P. Lee, a Navajo*" went through nine printings. Lee had molested a 12-year-old girl under the guise of polygamy.

Typical Juvenile Court Record

“X completed his Eagle Scout in approximately January 2015. He participates in Church activities and he is preparing for a Church mission. Parents report that he obeys their rules and that he is a very hard worker. Parents supervise internet access and have their internet set on a clean child setting. Parents approve of X’s friends. X reported that he and his friends are pro-social and active. “

Questions?

- Why did this general authority go to prison?
- Why did this bishop leave his wife for a girlfriend?
- Why did this full time missionary get drunk have sexual relations with the relief society president?
- Why does this beehive have 5 felony sex charges?
- Why do Utah Juvenile Court judges view “Eagle Scout” as a risk factor for felony sex offenses.
- Etc Etc

LDS Church's official youth Facebook page



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▲ 0.1% from last week



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Last days
Satan rule

Who is Satan?

We must know the enemy

***I am no
devil, for
there is
none...***

2 Nephi 28:22



Poll: Americans' Belief in God Is Strong--But Declining

December 17, 2013 - 10:50 AM

- (CNSNews.com) - A [new Harris Poll](#) finds that a strong majority (74 percent) of U.S. adults say they believe in God, but that's down from the 82 percent who expressed such a belief in earlier years.

--58 percent believe in the devil and hell, down from 62 percent;

Who is Satan?



SATAN

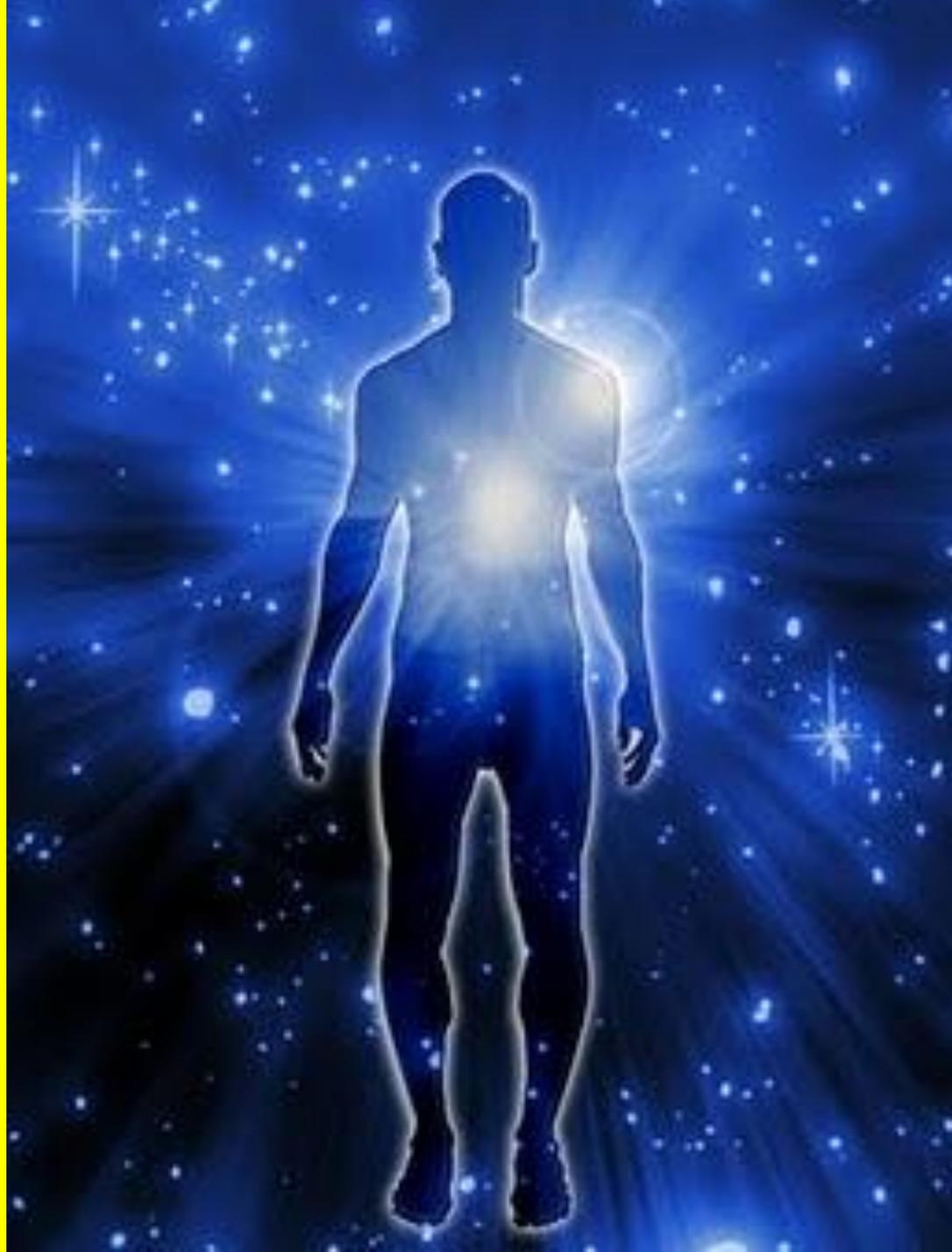


**Spirit
Body**

Character of Satan

SATAN IS

... the enemy of all righteousness and of those who seek to follow God. He is a spirit son of God who was once an angel “in authority in the presence of God” (D&C 76:25; see also Isaiah 14:12; D&C 76:26–27). But in the premortal Council in Heaven, Lucifer, as Satan was then called, rebelled against God. Since that time, he has sought to destroy the children of God on the earth and to make them miserable.



Satan has a plan and resources to execute that plan!

He knows us and our weaknesses.

-In Satan's rebellion against God, he *“sought to destroy the agency of man”* ([Moses 4:3](#)).

-Satan has the *“power to captivate, to bring you down to hell, that he may reign over you”* ([2 Ne. 2:29](#)); And

-*“He grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance”* ([2 Ne. 28:19–22](#)).



President James E. Faust

**“Satan is
everywhere.”**

“The Great Imitator”
October 1987 Conference

SATAN is looking for his
next prey to bring down. He
and his angels never take a
vacation - not a month, not
a week, not a day, not an
hour, not even a
nanosecond.

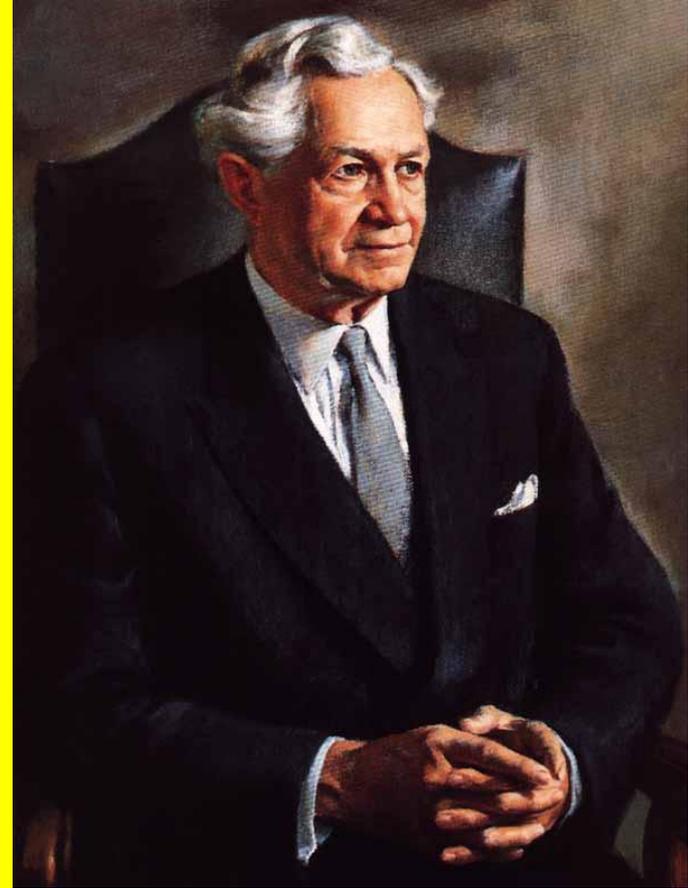


Finding Lasting Peace and Building
Eternal Families
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That old enemy of all mankind has found as many devices as he can think of to scatter tares far and wide. **He has found ways to have them penetrate even the sanctity of our own homes. The wicked and worldly ways have become so widespread there seems to be no real way of weeding them out.** They come by wire and through the air into the very devices we have developed to educate and entertain us. The wheat and the tares have grown close together. **A steward managing the field must, with all his or her power, nourish that which is good and make it so strong and beautiful the tares will have no appeal either to the eye or the ear.**

***Your greatest weakness
will be the point at
which Satan will try to
tempt you, will try to
win you; and if you
have made yourself
weak, he will add to
that weakness***

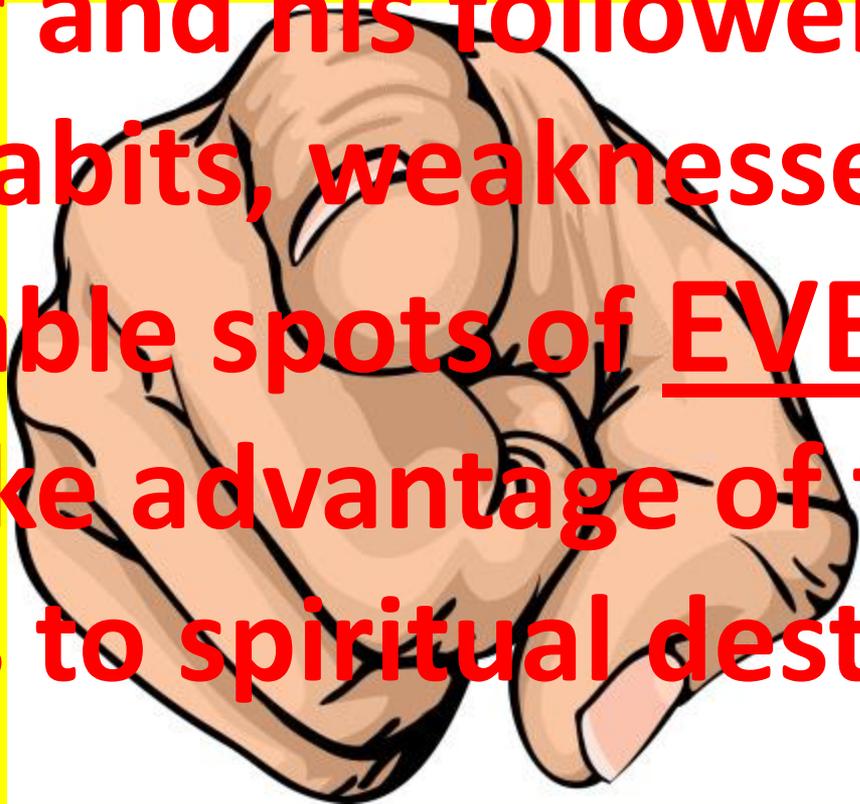
("The Temptations in Life,"
Improvement Era, July 1968, p. 3).



David O. McKay

President Spencer W. Kimball

Lucifer and his followers know the habits, weaknesses, and vulnerable spots of EVERYONE and take advantage of them to lead us to spiritual destruction.



Satan's "Marvelous Power"

*"I was seized upon by some **power** which entirely overcame me, and had **such an astonishing influence over me** as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around me, and it seemed to me for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction. . . . **Not to an imaginary ruin but [by] the power of some actual being from the unseen world, who had such marvelous power as I had never before felt in any being.**"*

Joseph Smith 2:15, 16

Satan's Marvelous Power

Satan persuaded “a third part
of the hosts of
heaven” to turn away from the Father.

(D&C 29:36)

...while in the presence of the Father and Jesus.

Satan's Marvelous Power

His mission is part of the Plan of Salvation.

Satan can

- appear as an angel of light;*
- produce visions;*
- grant the gift of tongues;*
- provide prophecies;*
- provide revelations through a seer stone;*
- prompt jubilations, singing, and*
- one of Satan's finest tools*
- put thoughts into our minds.***

Many of the miracles and forms of revelation that we might consider acts of God can be counterfeited by Satan. For example see how the Pharaoh's magicians and wisemen imitated Moses' miracles. See ***Exodus 7 & 8.***)



"Satan has had great success with this gullible generation. As a consequence, literally hosts of people have been victimized by him and his angels"

James E. Faust,

[The Great Imitator](#), Ensign, Nov. 1987)

The Message of the First Presidency to the Church -1942

*"**Satan is making war ...** He plans to destroy liberty and freedom-economic, political, and religious, and to set up in place thereof the greatest, most widespread, and the most complete tyranny that has ever oppressed men. He is working under such **perfect disguise that many do not recognize either him or his methods.***

*There is no crime he would not commit, no debauchery he would not set up, no plague he would not send, no heart he would not break, no life he would not take, **no soul he would not destroy.** He comes*

as a thief in the night, he is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Without

their knowing it, the people are being urged down paths that lead only to destruction. Satan never before had so firm a grip on this generation as he has

***NOW.** "*

Improvement Era, Nov. 1942

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8



*...Make no mistake about Satan's reality as a personality, even though he does not possess a physical body. **Since the beginning of time, he, with his hosts ... have waged relentless war to destroy the free agency of man.** Those who teach that there is no devil or who declare him to be a figment of the imagination used only to frighten people are either ignorant of the facts or they themselves are deceived. How does Satan operate? What are his tactics? Using his superior knowledge, his unique powers of persuasion, half-truths, and complete lies, the evil one uses the spirit children who followed him (which were many), plus mortal beings who have yielded to his evil ways, to wage war against Jehovah and his followers; and they will, if they can, influence us to become critical and to rebel against God and his work. **Thus he destroys the souls of men.** (Elray L. Christiansen, [Power Over Satan](#), General Conference Oct 1974)*

**Has Satan
tempted you
today?**

How in the world did Satan do that?



**We will never be
tempted beyond
our ability to
resist.**

1 Corinthians 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make **a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear it.

Alma 13:28 But that ye would **1) humble yourselves before the Lord, and 2) call on his holy name, and 3) watch and 4) pray continually**, that ye may not be tempted above that which ye can bear, and thus be led by the Holy Spirit, becoming humble, meek, submissive, patient, full of love and all long-suffering;

***I know of no crime
that hasn't been
committed by a
Mormon who had
attended Church on
the previous Sunday!***

Mental health reports conflict

OGDEN – A hearing date will be set today to air conflicting mental health evaluations for a man who first pleaded guilty to the beating death of a drinking buddy, then asked to have the plea withdrawn.

Gordon Leon Walls, 30, will appear before 2nd District Judge Pamela Heffernan for the setting of the hearing because two different psychologists, Rhett Potter and Rick Hawks of Weber County's mental health division, disagree over his ability to understand the proceedings against him. One has found him competent while the other has not, said the state attorney, John G. ...

... the hearing is scheduled, the two will ... and ... will decide which finding is accurate or if more examination is needed.

Last March Walls pleaded guilty to the killing of Craig Tillet, his mother's boyfriend, during a night of heavy drinking June 12.

Ogden Expert Witness.
11/12/02
Standard Examiner

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Satan's Special Forces

- Destroying Agency
- Fitting on your personal armor