

Strategy for War in the Last Days – Successfully Combating Satan

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



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Brigham Young quote

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.

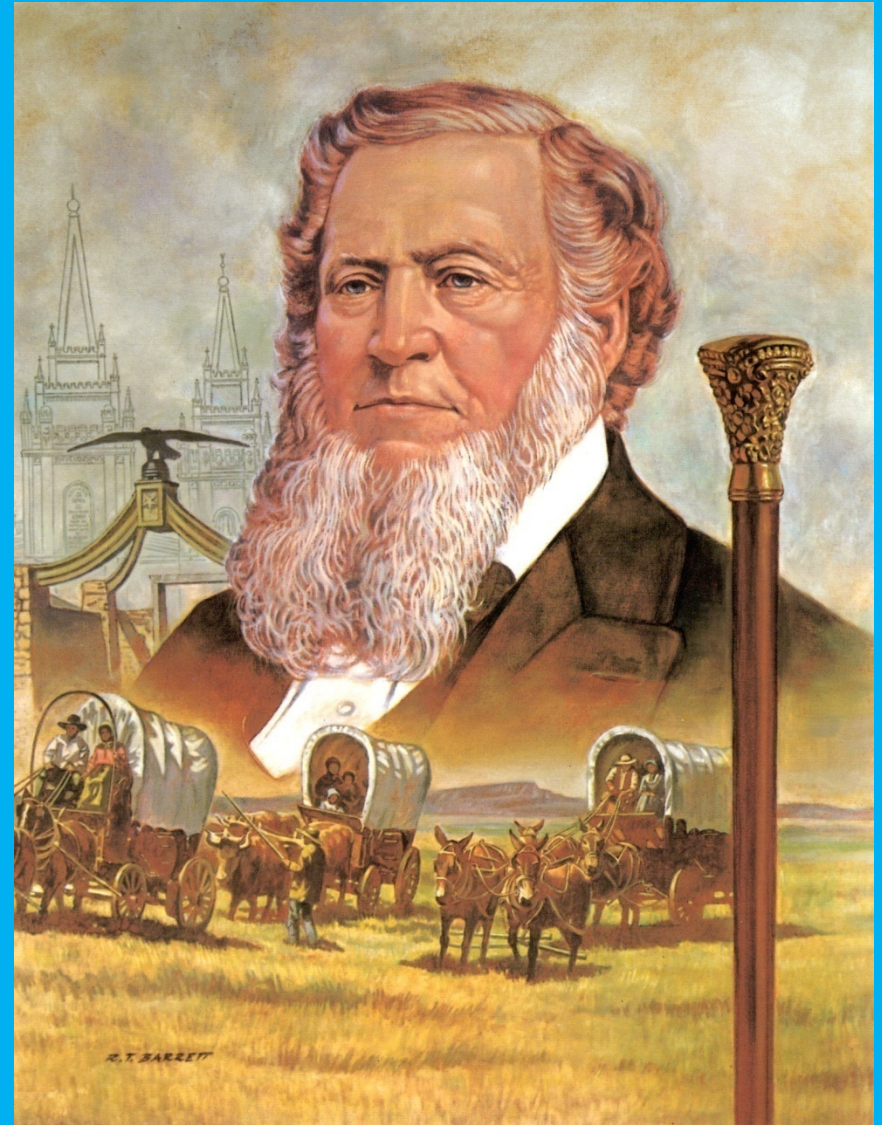
James E. Faust, *The Great Imitator*

The knowledge of
sin tempteth to
its commission.

Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*

**.. It is
important
to "*study . . .
evil, and its
consequences.*"**

(Discourses of Brigham Young,
comp. John A. Widtsoe [Salt
Lake City: Deseret Book Co.,
1941], p. 257.)



Brigham Young



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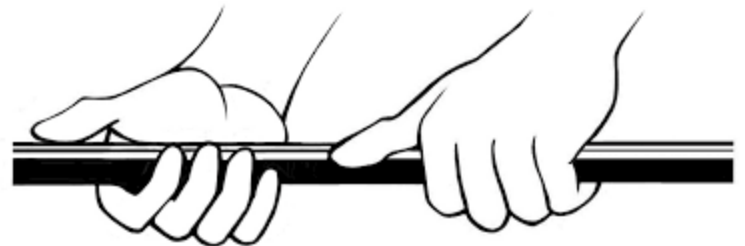
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General Conference Talks

- **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
- **Winning the War against Evil**; James J. Hamula October 2008 Priesthood General Conference

***"Lest Satan should
get an advantage
of us: for we are
not ignorant of
his devices."*** (2 Cor. 2:11)

***"We Latter-day Saints
need not be, and we
must not be, deceived
by the sophistries of
men concerning the
reality of Satan. **There
is a personal devil,
and we had better
believe it**"***



Marion G. Romney,

"Satan, the Great Deceiver," Ensign, Feb. 2005, pgs. 52–57).

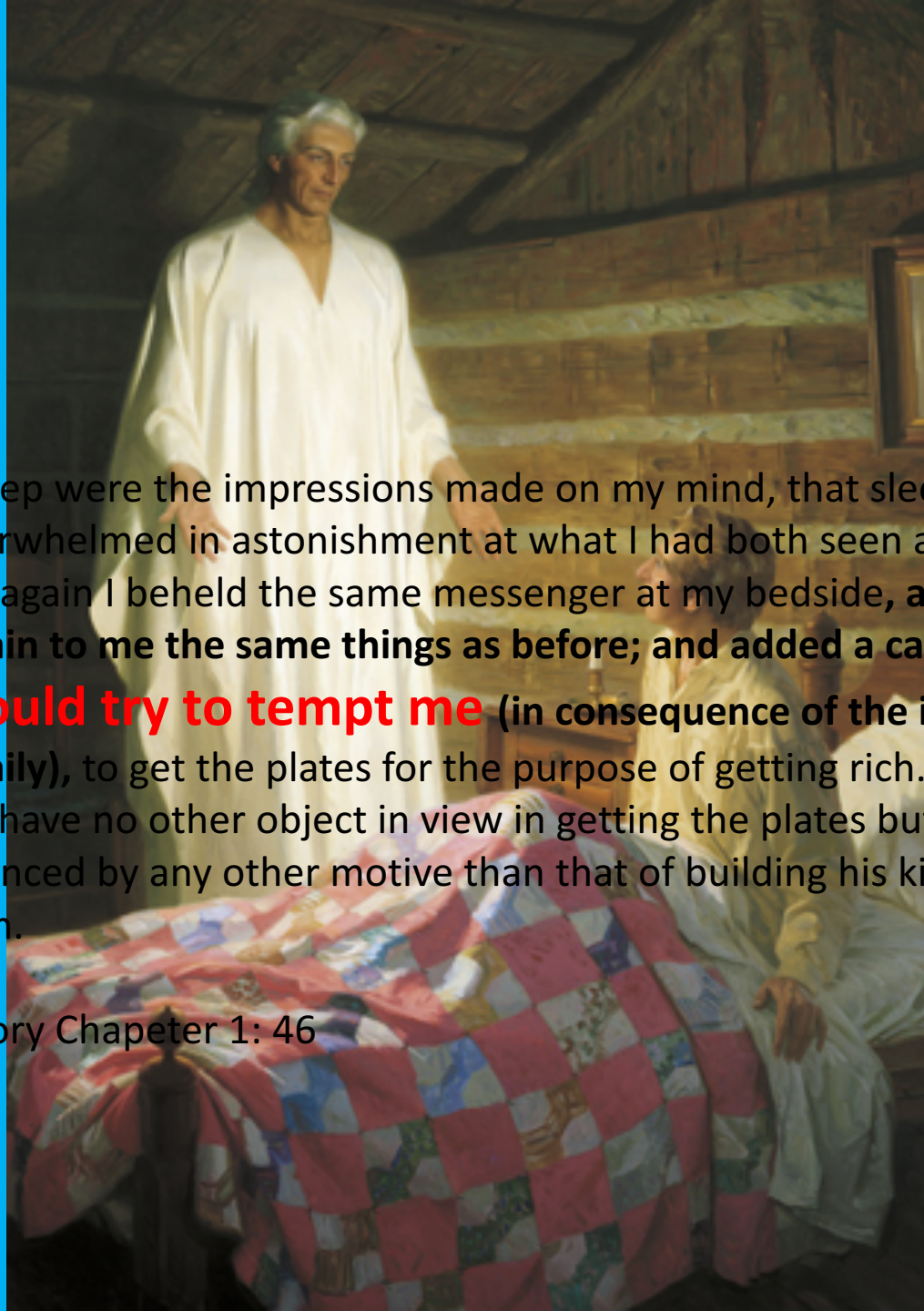
Importance of TALKING about Satan

3 Nephi 11:10 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.

Christ visiting Nephites See. he begins speaking after being introduced by God. He allowed all the people to touch him. Taught baptism. Talks about the devil.

29 For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of **the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another.**

30 Behold, this is not my doctrine, to stir up the hearts of men with anger, one against another; but this is my doctrine, that such things should be done away.

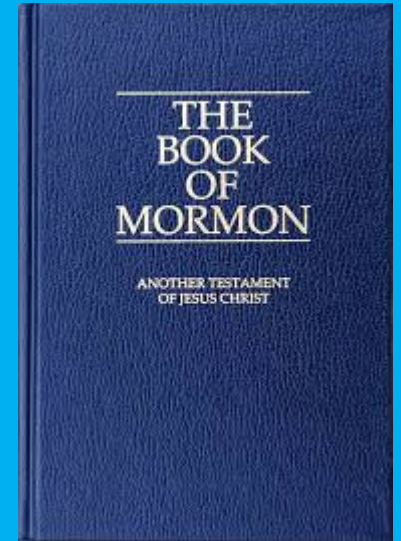


By this time, so deep were the impressions made on my mind, that sleep had fled from my eyes, and I lay overwhelmed in astonishment at what I had both seen and heard. But what was my surprise when again I beheld the same messenger at my bedside, **and heard him rehearse or repeat over again to me the same things as before; and added a caution to me, telling me that Satan would try to tempt me** (in consequence of the indigent circumstances of my father's family), to get the plates for the purpose of getting rich. This he forbade me, saying that I must have no other object in view in getting the plates but to glorify God, and must not be influenced by any other motive than that of building his kingdom; otherwise I could not get them.

Joseph Smith History Chapter 1: 46

Don't Talk About These Things!

- Devil/Satan



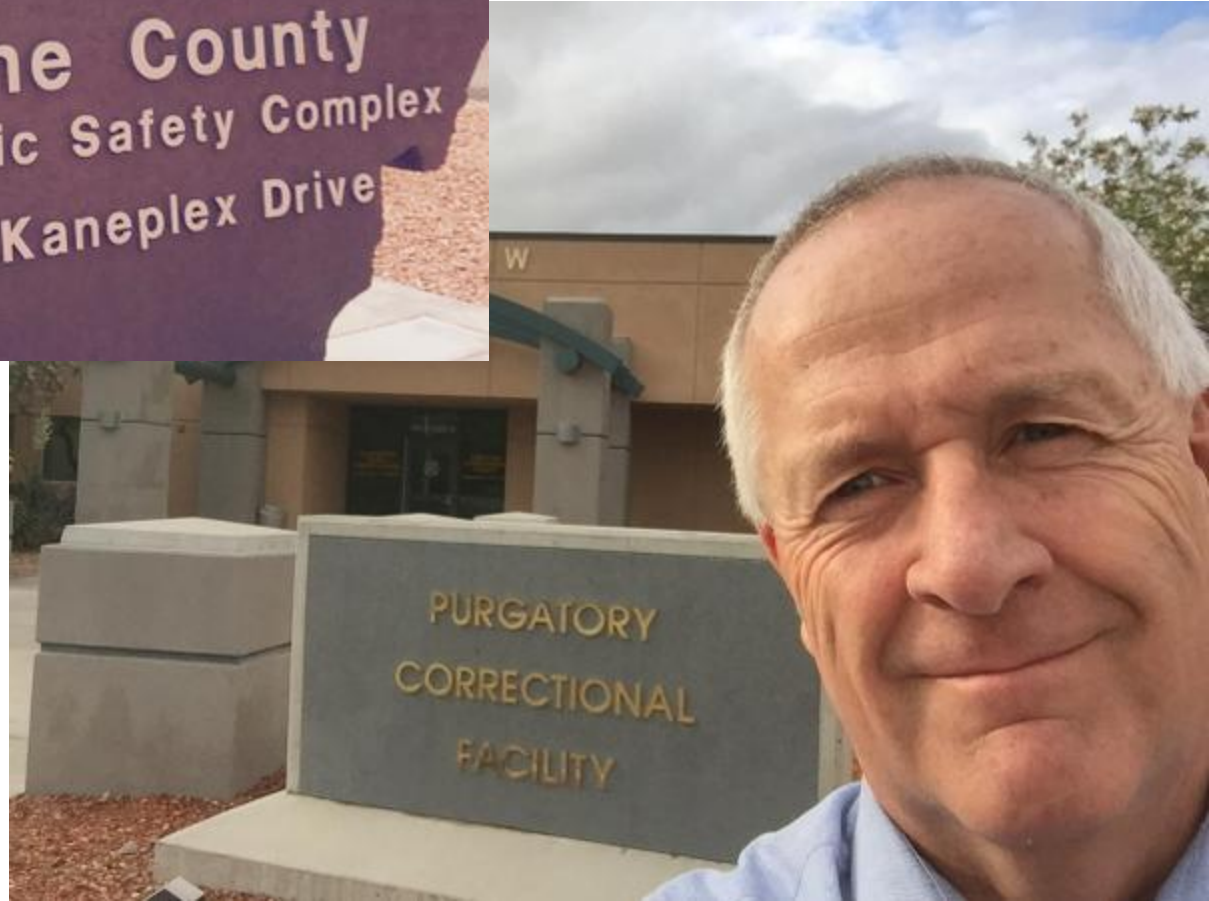
...Make no mistake about Satan's reality as a personality, even though he does not possess a physical body. Since the beginning of time, he, with his hosts ... have waged relentless war to destroy the free agency of man.” **Those who teach that there is no devil or who declare him to be a figment of 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)

Sharing An Office with Satan

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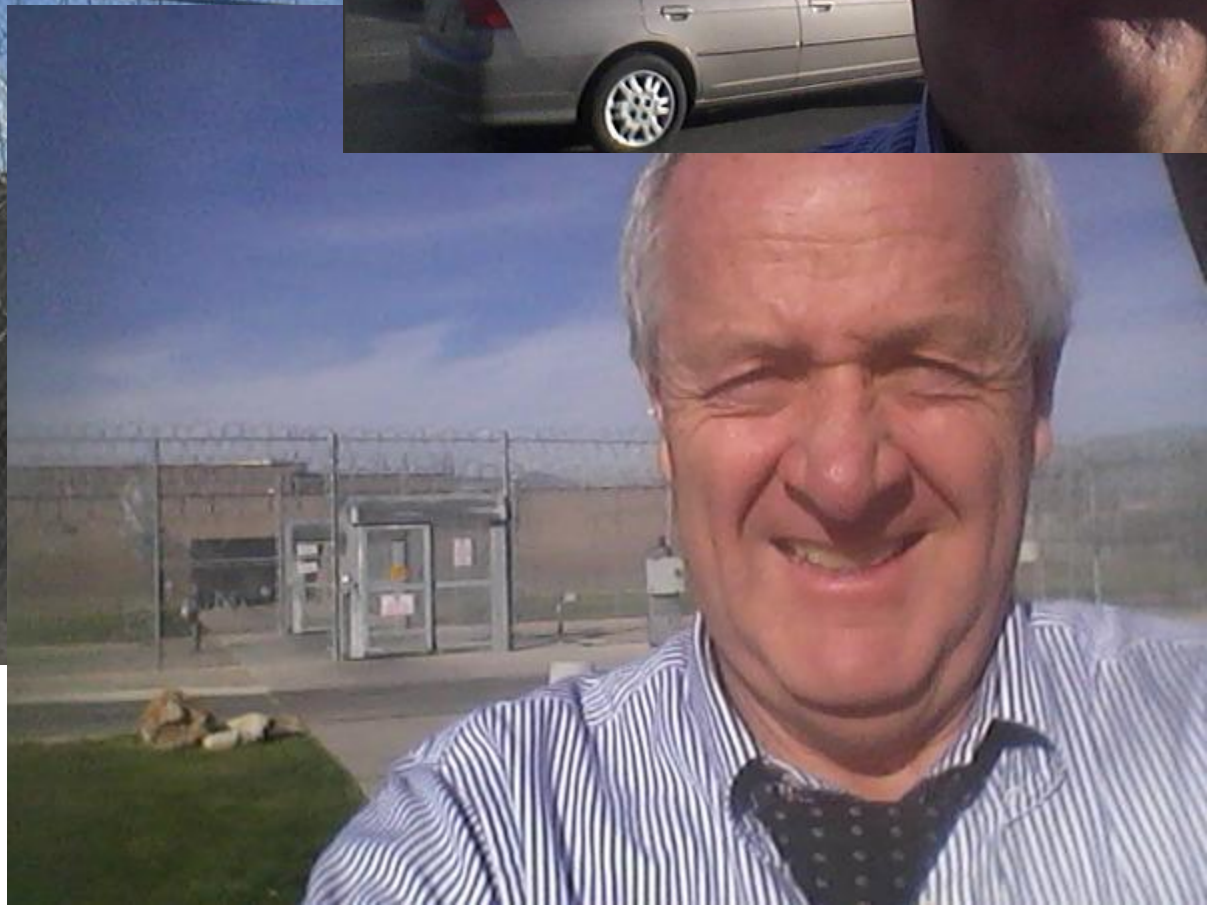
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John Taylor

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May John Albert TAYLOR



Classification: **Murderer**
Characteristics: **Rape**
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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Salt Lake Tribune Taylor's Death Was Quick . . .

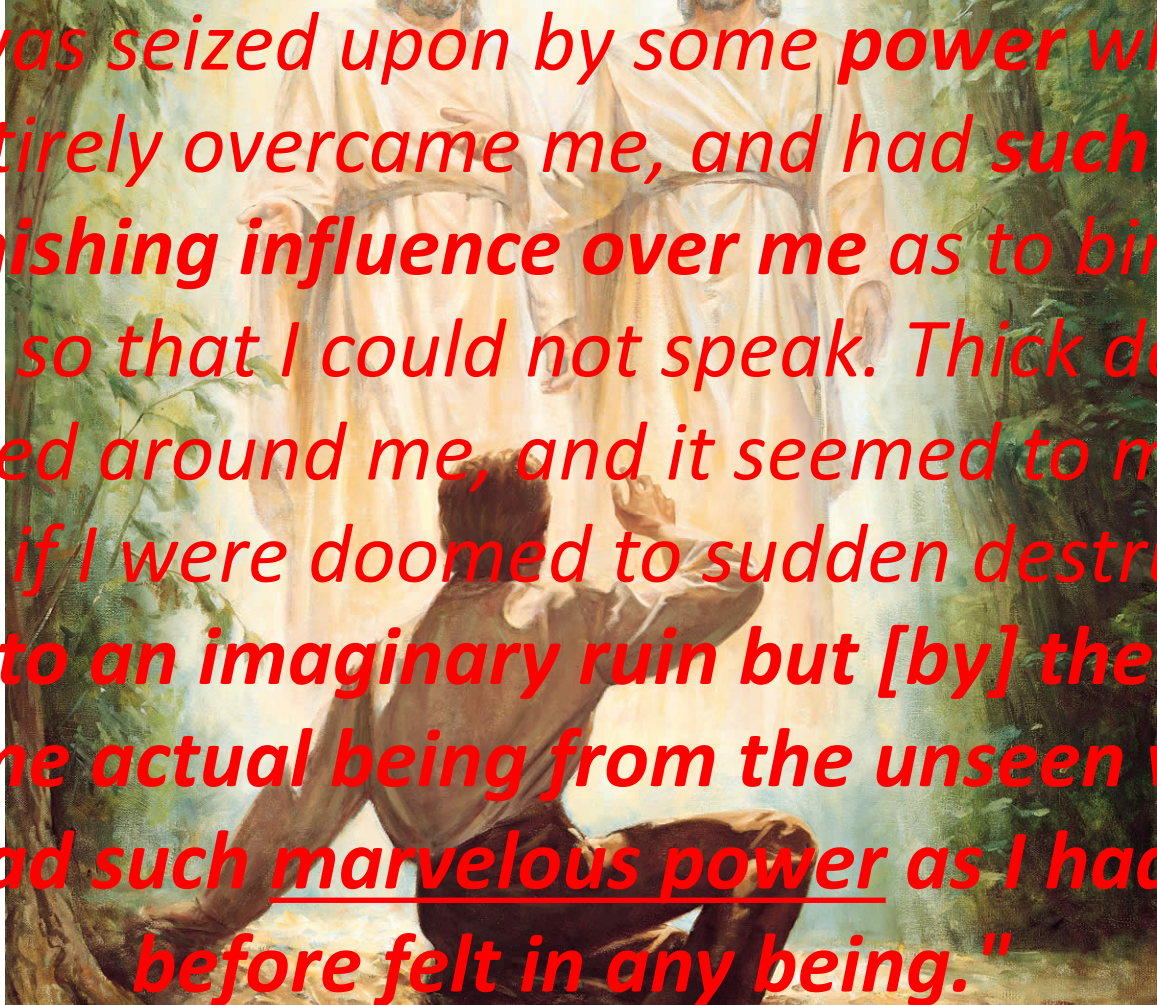


**Taylor,
John Albert**

- Taylor was pronounced dead at 12:07 a.m. the morning of Jan. 26. He had terminated all avenues of appeal and was executed shortly thereafter. Taylor was allowed to smoke a partial cigarette outside on his way over to the building where he would be executed. He visited with his uncle and sister on his last day. He ate pizza and drank soda. His last words were, "Remember me, but let me go." He never admitted guilt.

- Taylor was convicted of repeatedly raping and then killing Sharla Nichole King one day before her 12th birthday, on June 23, 1989. The two were living in the same apartment complex. The girl was discovered five hours later in her mother's bed. A telephone cord had been tied around her throat.

Satan's "Marvelous Power"

A painting depicting two figures in white robes standing in a forest, with a third figure kneeling in front of them. The figures in white robes have long hair and beards, and their faces are partially obscured by a bright, ethereal light. The kneeling figure is seen from the back, looking up at the standing figures. The background is a dense forest with green foliage and trees.

*"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

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.**)

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





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.**

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.

NO "safety plan" can keep Satan's influence out of your life. That's why you need "personal" Armor To protect from the "fiery darts." If you weren't attacked you wouldn't need the armor.

The Greatest War Ever Fought

REVIEW:

- Rebellion/Revolution against God's Plan

God's Plan Known As

"Plan of redemption"

Jacob 6:8; Alma 12:25–26, 30, 32; 17:16; 18:39; 29:2; 39:18; 42:11.

"Plan of happiness"

Alma 42:8,16

"Plan of salvation"

Jarom 1:2; Alma 24:14; 42:5; Moses 6:62

"The plan was based on doctrine, law, and principles that have always existed."

Elder Hales, Oct 2015 *"The Plan of Salvation: A sacred treasure of knowledge to guide us."*

Pre-Earth Life: Lucifer launches his Plan.

“We knew the Father of our spirits as well as we know our earthly father here. **We knew our elder brother Jehovah and we also knew Lucifer, who too was a son of the morning.** ...In that previous existence we had our free agency. In the councils where consideration was given to the matter of the creation and the peopling of this earth, the **Father presented an unselfish plan.** ... Moses 4:2. **Lucifer, however, contended for an amendment to the plan** whereby we would all be saved by compulsion Moses 4:1.”

(Elder Joseph Anderson, Conference Oct. 1974)

Two plans were presented.
God selected the best plan- His plan.



Two plans presented.

God selected the best plan, Jesus' plan.



... **our Heavenly Father did not ask for volunteers to invent and present different and competing plans of salvation, as some have assumed.** Rather, it was our Heavenly Father's plan, and He presented it to His spirit children who were gathered in the Grand Council in Heaven. Jesus Christ, who was "chosen from the beginning" to be the Savior in that plan, humbly proposed that Heavenly Father's plan be sustained, saying, **"Father, thy will [i.e., plan] be done."**

“Plan of Rebellion”

Satan made an unwelcome and arrogant proposal to change Heavenly Father’s plan so that it provided universal salvation for everyone (see Moses 4:1).... From these verses it is clear that Satan’s proposal was not an innocent suggestion to amend God’s plan. **It was a rebellion, a revolt, an attempted mutiny to dethrone God and take over heaven.** Those who followed Satan declared war in heaven and made themselves enemies to God.

Satan wanted the throne of God!

From Isaiah we read:

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground. . . .

For thou hast said in thine heart, *I will ascent into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . .*

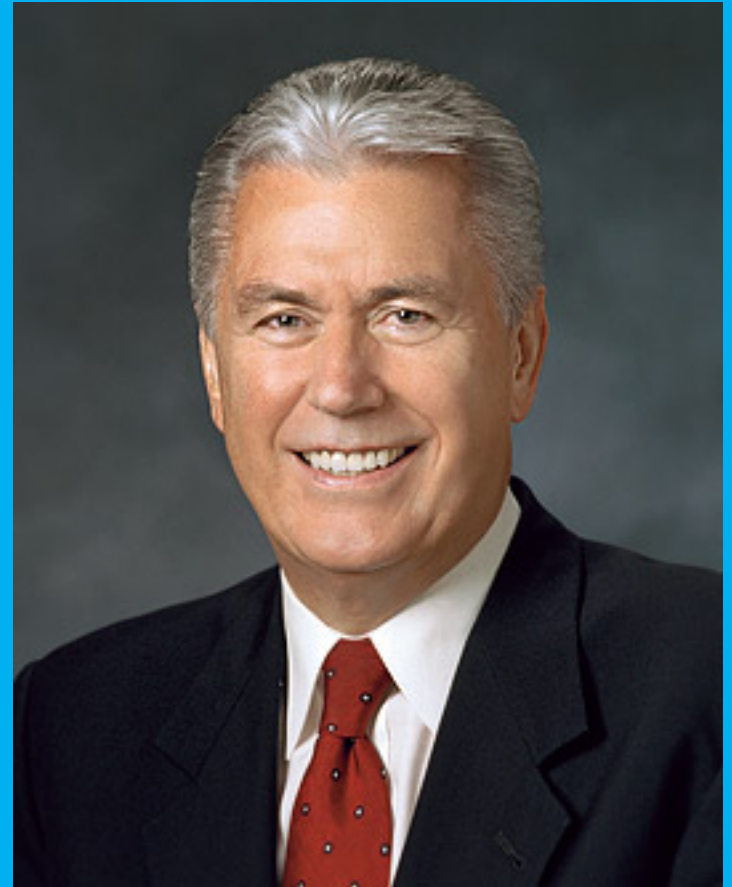
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. [Isaiah 14:12–14]



THE GREATEST WAR EVER FOUGHT!

How do Spirits fight "Wars?"

*"...you could pile up
the accumulated
currency of the
entire world and it
could not buy a loaf
of bread in the
economy of
heaven."*



([You Matter to Him](#), Dieter F. Uchtdorf
Conference Oct 2011) Well what about a war
in heaven?

I could pile up
the accumulated weapons of
the entire world
all the bombs, guns, suicide
bombers, terrorists, etc.

they could
NOT kill one spirit
in the war in heaven.

A war



with no guns.

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.*

What Satan doesn't want you to know about the war.

This is what Satan doesn't want you to know about the war in heaven and the war now on earth.

If we were to know the enemy's most powerful weapon we would be more prepared to battle.

**What is Satan's
most powerful
tool?**

Remember Alma (Alma 31:5) saying

And now, as the preaching of the word had a great tendency to lead the people to do that which was just—yea, it had had more powerful effect upon the minds of the people than the sword, or anything else, which had happened unto them—therefore Alma thought it was expedient that they should try the virtue of the word of God."

Satan does the same..

Satan also uses “**words**” to influence us!

Philosophies of men

Lies

Preach

Flattery

Thoughts

... Delivered by many different means!

4 And (Sherem) he was learned, that he had a perfect knowledge of the language of the people; wherefore, he could use much flattery, and much power of speech, according to the power of the devil (Jacob 7:4).

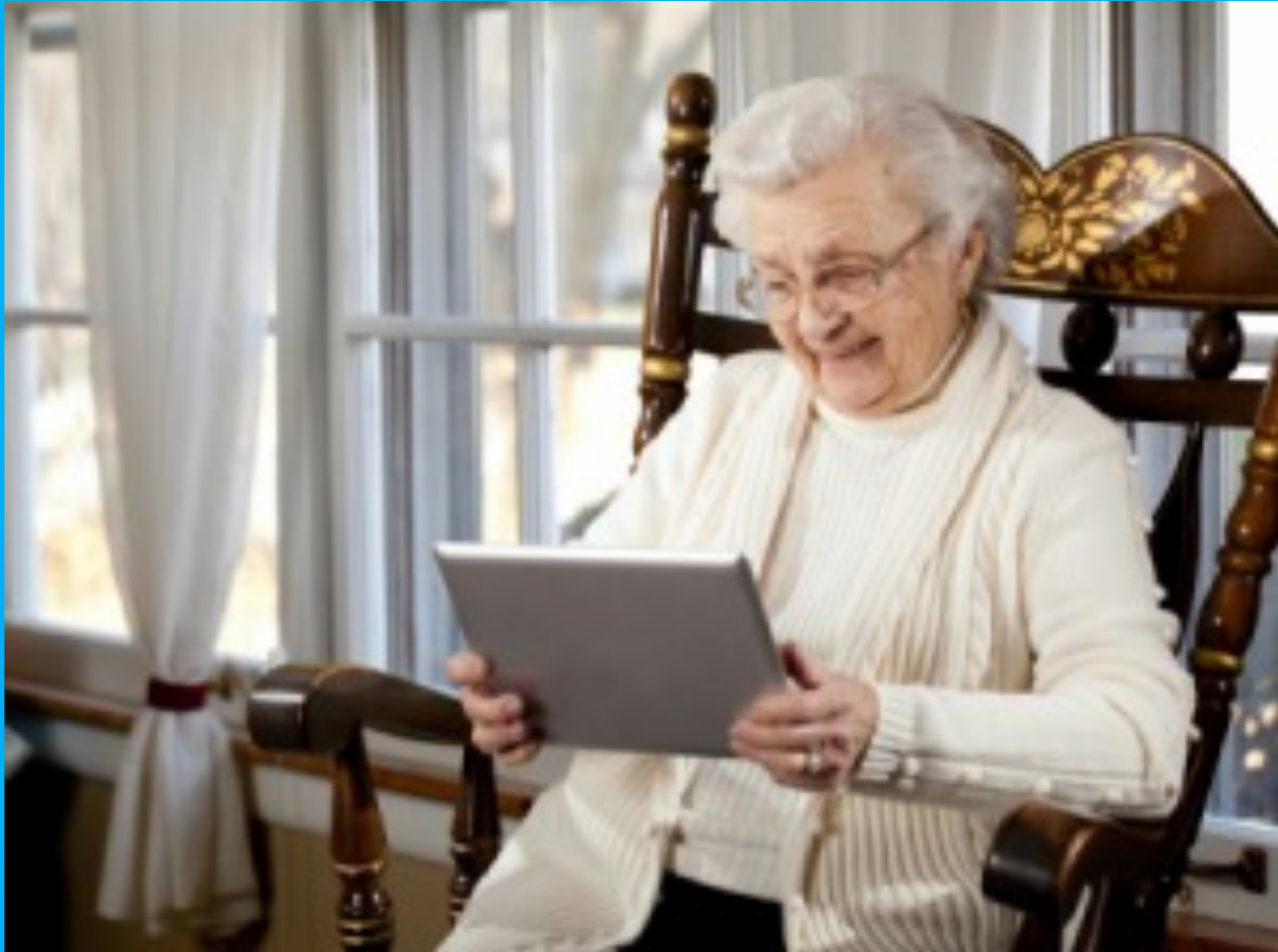
Satan is the world's master in the use of words, and he knows the great power of speech

Introduction: Satan's ALSO has a Plan

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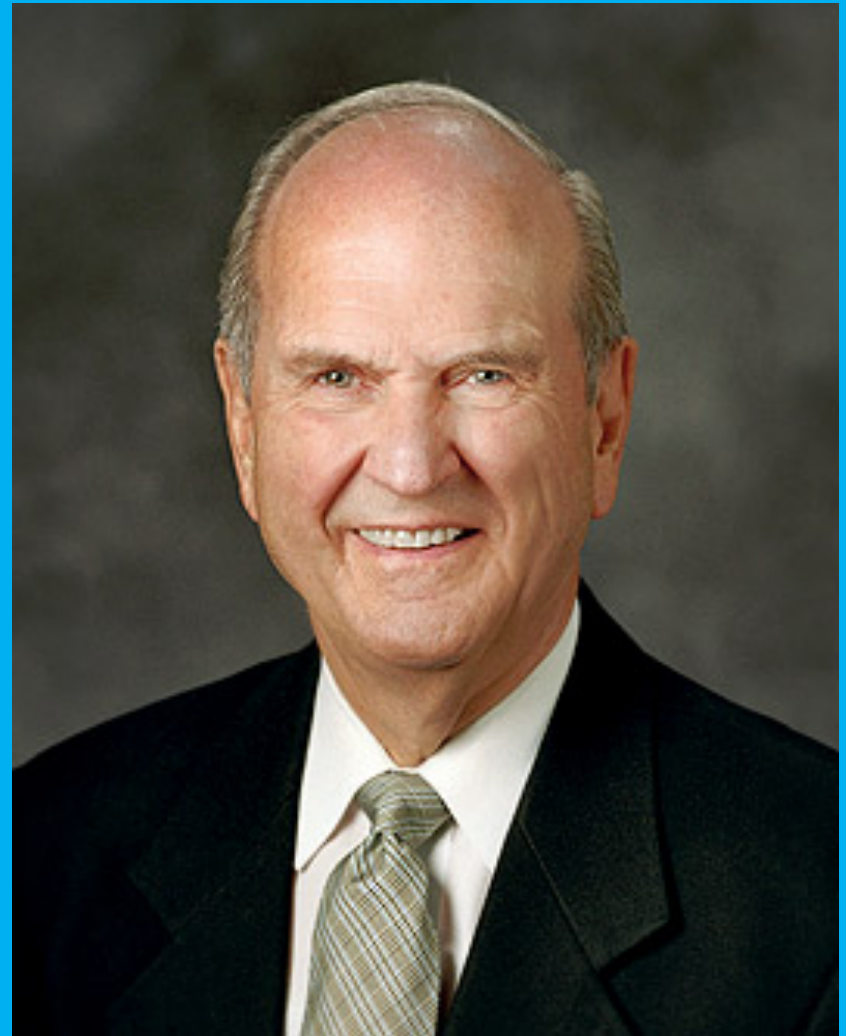
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- I've learned from Sharing an Office

You cannot understand how this happened without understanding Satan and his plan.



“...We need
to remember
that the
adversary
sponsors a
cunning plan
of his own.”

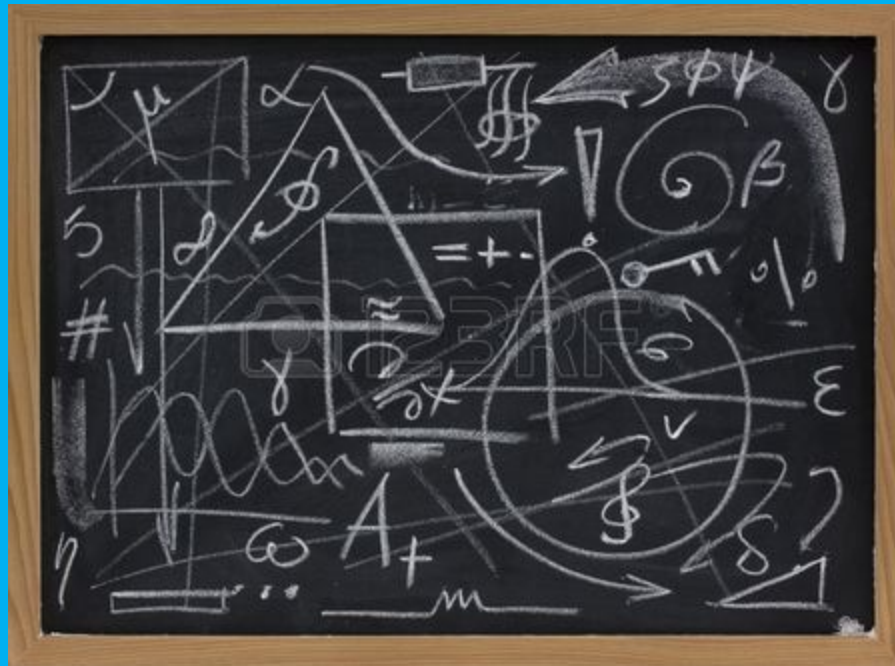
Constancy amid Change
Oct 1993



Russell M. Nelson

“PLAN”

D & C 10:12 And, on this wise, the devil has sought to **lay a cunning plan**, that he may destroy this work;... 23 And thus **he has laid a cunning plan, thinking** to destroy the work of God;



*Not chaos or
random*

Secret Plans

- Ether 8:9 Hath he not read the **record** which our fathers brought across the great deep? Behold, is there not an account concerning them of old, that they by their **secret plans** did obtain kingdoms and great glory?
- 15 And it came to pass that thus they did agree with Akish. And Akish did **administer unto them the oaths which were given by them of old who also sought power, which had been handed down even from Cain**, who was a murderer from the beginning.
- 16 And **they were kept up by the power of the devil to administer these oaths unto the people, to keep them in darkness**, to help such as sought power to gain power, and to murder, and to plunder, and to lie, and to commit all manner of wickedness and whoredoms.

Talk about “Satan or Devil” in
explaining some event, show, song...
today.

THE END

Tomorrow “Satan’s Plan Exposed”
Remember, remember...