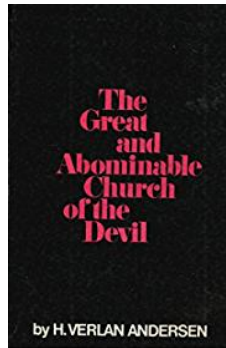


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The Great Abominable Church of the Devil



- Communism as Satan's Preferred Tool
- Satanic Worldwide Dominion
- Deception & Freedom
- Lord's Involvement in Politics
- Satan vs Agency
- Men Judged for Views on Law
- Satan's History with Government
- Priestcraft
- Socialized Education

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Introduction

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This book shows the political etc. philosophies Satan uses to destroy agency, and how our political views reflect our moral character. It shows the negative effects of socialized education based on which philosophies are taught there. It shows how licensing can be socialist. It shows how we are accountable for our views on things like graduated income tax. It shows how hidden and commonly accepted the devil’s methods are woven into modern society. Though this book is not official church doctrine, it uses the scriptures THOROUGHLY in the basis of it’s arguments.

Ch. 1 A Satanic Worldwide Dominion Foretold

1. Part of why the devil is successful is because people are afraid to speak of these things. That also leads to feelings of unaccountability.
2. Not much info about this have we because of our iniquity (Ether 4:6); thus we stumble more. When we repent we will know that “my servant John be unfolded in the eyes of all the people” D&C 6:26. See also 2 Ne. 27:5 deep sleep because of iniquity.
3. Scourge on the Church for not hearkening to the new covenant of the Book of Mormon could be the devil’s church gathering to fight against the Church of the Lamb see D&C 84:54 and 1 Ne. 14:13
4. The only church we contend against is the church of the devil (D&C 18:20), so identify it. Set forth “clearly and understandingly the desolation of abomination in the last days” D&C 84:117. Church members may join Satan to take down agency if they aren’t aware they do so.
5. 1 Ne. 14:9-11 says there will be a dividing of the people into a few being in the Church of the lamb and the rest in the Church of the devil, and a great battle between them ensue.

Ch. 2 The Great Division

1. The tares and foolish virgins are members of Satan's Church. Joseph Fielding Smith speaks of the Church getting divided from it evil influences, a great division, and that the tares are among LDS church members.
2. John Taylor: Matt. 7:21-3 applies to Church members, people who call on the Lord and do miracles but are rejected at the last day.
3. 2 Ne. 30:10 great division to come
4. The foolish virgins get unquenchable fire because they were deceived D&C 45:56-7; D&C 63:54; this may seem unfair but consider that they had the gospel, they were church members, and rejected that for the devils ways in the very midst of the LDS church, thus we see this is more fair.
5. Church members often rely on the arm of flesh rather than taking the Holy Ghost as their guide 2 Ne. 28:14. So they'll be destroyed and cursed for not taking the Holy Ghost as their guide D&C 45:56-7; 2 Ne. 28:26, 31

Ch. 3 The Universal Problem of Deception

1. Rev. 12:9 deceiveth the whole world
2. D&C 52:14 Satan goes a' deceiving
3. D&C 112:23 dark covers earth, all flesh corrupt
4. Even honorable but mislead people go to the Terrestrial kingdom D&C 76:75
5. The deceiver tries to get the elect whom are elect according to the covenant (Smith, 1:22); pray to not be deceived by evil spirits D&C 46:7-8 because they're trying to get you D&C 50:2-3.
6. Only a few of the many called are not walking in darkness in noon day D&C 95:5-6
7. Much evil comes from traditions passed down from their fathers D&C 123:7; D&C 93:31, 39
8. Who don't heed God are blinded and taken captive by Satan (Moses:4:4)
9. People are ignorant and won't learn though it's right in front of them to do so 2 Ne. 32:7
10. In Lehi's vision, none avoid being lost except those who hold the rod of iron
11. In Lehi's vision, those who never reach the tree are numberless concourses, great was the multitude
12. D&C 93:39 truth withheld, and deception come because of sin. Natural man can't comprehend Gods ways 1 Cor. 2:14. You'll get to know nothing of God and the devil take you over Alma 12:9-11.
13. Existence of law is indispensable to the use of intelligence; seen in science also. To reach a destination, you must know the laws you need to follow to get there. Obedience is the first law of intelligent existence. D&C 130:20-21. Many take the broad road which is not obeying God D&C 132:25; the level of law you obey is the level of reward you get D&C 88:22-23
14. 2 Ne. 2:23 can't know good unless you also know evil; to not learn about Satan's plan is to shortchange our full exercise of free agency; Until you know of Satan's plan you can't be sure that you don't believe and support it. Satan keeps his plan hidden 2 Ne. 28:22; Satan took out the text we now have in the Pearl of Great Price out of the original bible, which includes the account of Moses vs. Satan (Moses 1:20)
15. God will reveal Satan's operations to those of His people who are righteous Alma 37:21-3, 25; be earnest in bringing those things to light D&C 123:13-15; the Lord's servants are to detail the abomination of desolation to the people all they can D&C 84:117; certain things about

Satan's operations, God only tells prophets and has them keep them hidden from the people Alma 37:27

16. Satan is so good at keeping his organization secret that John calls his organization "Mystery"; but if we are righteous God will show it to us Alma 37:25.
17. The Lord uses the family the Church and the government to help us have free agency according to his plan. Satan attacks those.

Ch. 4 The Elements of Freedom

1. David O McKay: An act may be classified as good or evil based on its effect upon free agency
2. Freedom leads to joy, enslavement to misery 2 Ne. 2:27; Satan seeks your agency Moses 4:3
3. These 4 things are essential to use our agency on earth:
 - a. Life (with some degree of physical and mental health and strength),
 - b. Freedom from the restraint or coercion of others,
 - c. Knowledge of laws D&C 131:6
 - i. Enticement so we act for ourselves falls under this 2 Ne. 2:16; it's learning of the right and it's benefits, vs. the wrong and its consequences.
 - d. The right and control of property.
 - i. You need food shelter clothing etc.
 - ii. When the fruits of your labors are out of your control you're a slave
 - iii. Alexander Hamilton in Federalist #79 "A power over a man's subsistence amounts to a power over his will"
 - iv. We need independence
 - v. We need to be able to hire others
 - vi. We need to be able to have the tools and resources for doing our chosen trade
4. Without knowledge of truth a person can't achieve their goals
5. David O McKay: Economic freedom lies at the base of all liberties. It's needed for political social and religious liberty.
 - a. These elements of liberty are mutually dependent on each other, get rid of one and the others leave.
 - b. A man's property is his life and his liberty; he uses it to achieve every goal
 - c. When you take one's property, you take from him that part of his life he spent attaining it
 - d. Property is what we use to get our dreams
 - e. Satan tries to tell us that any of these elements of freedom (political economic social and religious) are not needed; when one goes they all go.
6. Evil is when you taint with freedom
 - a. Tainting truth is called lying; the good is to teach truth
 - b. Burglary vs. create and share wealth

7. Children are to be taught by parents and parents who don't are in sin (D&C 68:25; 2 Ne. 4:6)
8. Parents provide for their children or are worse than infidels (D&C 83:4; 1 Tim. 5:8)
9. In the Patriarchal order, family also functioned in the capacity of government
10. The Church helps in the elements of freedom (which are life knowledge and property) by missionary work genealogy work and stewards who help the poor with surplus funds. They help families in physical needs with the family is unable.
11. Government which punishes those who intentionally and without justification break the law in order to preserve a space for the family and Church to operate, that all may be accountable for their own sins D&C 101:78; D&C 98:8 the law makes us free!
12. The Church couldn't be organized without freedom of speech press and property. 3 Ne. 21:4
13. Gov. by God for the benefit of man D&C 134:1

Ch. 5 The Lord's Involvement in Political Affairs

1. Patriarchal government of righteous Pharaoh seeking to follow how Adam and Noah did it Abe. 1:25-6
2. Moses and the judges; continued in this theocracy until they demanded a king in the days of Samuel. They lived this way despite the Lords warning until kingdoms of Judah and Israel were destroyed when the kings were wicked and no longer able to get guidance from God.
3. Samuel, Nephi, and Bro. of Jared warn against kings
4. US Constitution by God D&C 101:77, 80
5. The Lord raised up unto them judges (Judges 2:16-18)
6. When righteous, the Nephites chose righteous men for leaders 3 Ne. 3:19
7. Seek good and wise men to rule you D&C 98:9-10
8. Judging according to Gods commandments Mosiah 29:11
9. Joseph Smith murdered when running for US President; Brigham Young governor of Utah had a practice of choosing Church leaders to responsible positions in the territorial legislature.
10. Murder and adultery punished by death Exo. 21:12; Lev. 20:10;
11. Criminal had to pay several times the value of item stolen Exo. 22:1-2;
12. False witness then you get the punishment you wanted for the other person Deut. 19:18-19;
13. These penalties were called judgments and were given to Moses with the laws Exo. 21:1;
14. People were read these Deut. 31:10-11 and entered covenant to be governed by both the law and the judgments Exo. 24:3, 7-8; this covenant was also to be made by the succeeding generation Deut. 5:1-3, and was to be binding forever (Deut. 29:29; Mal. 4:4; 3 Ne. 25:4); only in times of wickedness did the people depart from these laws;
15. Nephites had strict laws of Moses kept among them Jarom 1:5; 2 Ne. 5:10; 1 Ne. 4:15; when the reign of the judges came in at the time of King Benjamin, they were to continue to use the laws from their fathers Mosiah 29:25 and if they "the voice of the people" CHOSE iniquity they would be destroyed Mosiah 29:27;
16. At time of Helaman **they had trampled laws of Mosiah from God and altered them and became wicked Hela. 4:22; this came by majority vote of the voice of the people Hela. 5:2; then famine came until they corrected their political beliefs and practices Hel. 11:10;** 9 years later they were wicked again Hel. 11:37 much war was result 3 Ne. 4:11; 5 years later they returned to the order of just laws in the land and peace returned 3 Ne. 6:4; Jacabugath city is destroyed by God because the government being was destroyed by the people 3 Ne. 9:9

17. God has given the US their civil laws
 - a. and commanded they be not altered “what is more or less than this (the Constitution) cometh of evil” D&C 98:5-7;
 - b. see also D&C 101:77; 101:80;
 - c. “may (the Constitution) ...be established forever” D&C 109:54; God redeemed the US by the shedding of blood D&C 101:80
18. For one who accepts the scriptures as the word of God it's impossible to keep politics separate from religion
 - a. Accept the laws of the land which have been revealed by God as the laws of the Church D&C 58:23

Ch. 6 The Lord Judges Men by The Civil Laws They Sanction or Oppose

1. We are as morally accountable for individual sins as we are for sins we make through organizations
2. Men are accountable for their acts in relation to governments D&C 134:1
3. The Lord does care about your political beliefs; scriptures teach man's political accountability to God.
4. Government's power is based on its threat to take away a portion of people's life liberty or property (or all) to who disobey. They always entail compulsion.
 - a. When it comes to non-violent/non-compulsory means of getting something, we set up a church or a club, lodge, etc. These bring in money and order by volunteerism, no threats.
5. If one opposes a law justice demands that he neither be blamed nor given credit for the evil or good done under that law.
 - a. Officers of government have a share of responsibility, but mainly they are the servants/agents of the people
 - i. Vote
6. Political beliefs constitute a most intense and **accurate expression of one's views on morality and justice.**
 - a. To classify a deed as being of good or evil intent demands the use of moral judgment.
 - b. Inherent contradiction in requiring people to do an evil thing then punishing them if they don't
 - c. It's contrary to logic for anyone to espouse a political philosophy, which is inconsistent with his moral beliefs.
 - i. What we espouse is a formulation of our moral code.
 - ii. Promoting a law which gets in the way of life liberty and property is serious; is this thing so serious that I'm willing to cause those who violate it to be physically punished? This reflects our convictions in the strongest possible manner.
 - d. Consider one with all power over people. He could harm them without entering personal legal danger or personal legal condemnation. The way he used it would reflect his character.
 - i. This is the power of one who has power to direct government
 - ii. Voters have this power

- iii. Government is supreme force used to meet one's purposes.
- 7. Laws depriving others of their stewardships indicate unrighteous dominion/control.
- 8. **If the only reason we don't steal were fear of going to jail, such a person would lobby for stealing (taking something which belongs to someone and giving it to someone else) to be made legal.**
- 9. **If a person would commit extortion except for fear of being caught, then our support of licensing laws which forcibly deny people freedom to enter legitimate business and patronize whom they please will reflect this criminal tendency.**
- 10. A person's political philosophy can be used to determine whether he is just or unjust!
 - a. The Celestial kingdom is for those who are "just" D&C 76:50, 53, 65, 69
 - b. The laws one favors and opposes constitute a statement of the acts and omissions he condemns in others and the penalty he desires to have inflicted for violation.
 - c. The Golden Rule
- 11. It's unjust to punish people who did an act with an innocent or righteous intent. We likewise would want that policy toward ourselves.
- 12. If we favor laws, which provide for punishment without the necessity of proving an evil intent, we have acted unjustly.
- 13. We should never use government to punish a person unless he has violated his conscience and has a feeling of guilt D&C 134:4; Alma 30:7-11.
- 14. If a person is just, he will want the burdens of government allocated among the people in an equitable manner.
 - a. Governments exist for the purpose of protecting the lives liberties and properties of all citizens.
 - i. Justice demands that each person whose freedom is protected bear his fair share of the cost thereof.
 - 1. The divinely inspired Constitution of the US, as originally adopted, prohibited the Federal government from imposing direct taxes unless such were apportioned among the states according to their respective numbers.
 - a. This provision used the cost of protecting life and liberty as a basis for apportioning the tax burden among the states apparently on the assumption that it costs as much to

- defend one person's life and liberty as another's.
 - b. Of course, an added reason for such a restriction was to discourage the Federal government from imposing direct taxes.
 - 2. Most taxing schemes use property alone as a basis for apportioning the cost of government rather than life or liberty.
 - a. A person with twice as much property or income as another is required to pay twice as much in taxes on the assumption that it costs twice as much to protect his property.
 - i. Thus it is **unjust to levy for a graduated tax** scheme, which forces the person with twice the income of another to pay 10 or 100 times as much in taxes.
- 15. Determine the justice of a law by putting yourself in the shoes of the person against whom it is likely to be enforced.
 - a. Judge righteous judgment, because with the judgment you judge, you'll be judged Matt. 7:2-3 JST.
 - i. Judgment of fellow man is clearly shown by what laws we accept and oppose.
 - ii. We are to use the laws God has given as means of what to punish. Don't punish what he wouldn't. Do what he would. Mosiah 29:11-13
 - b. A just law will never interfere with the freedom of a just man
 - i. For he will never intentionally commit an act, which a just law forbids, nor will he refuse to voluntarily do that which is a just law commands.
 - 1. Then we qualify for the promise to who do no unrighteous dominion, that our dominion become eternal without compulsory means flowing unto us D&C 121:46

Ch. 7 The Lord's Plan for Protecting Free Agency

1. The Lord makes laws and government (specifically the US Constitution) for the purpose of men being able to use their free agency D&C 101:77-78
2. US Constitutional law makes us free D&C 98:6-8
3. What you give is what you get Matt. 7:2; D&C 1:10; Alma 41:3-5
 - a. There is mercy with repentance, but overall the plan of God is one of justice. You don't get mercy unless you repent. Mercy cannot rob justice Alma 42:24-25.
 - i. Why should one not expect to be treated the way he treats others?
 1. There is no basis for complaint when one is treated the way he treated others.
 2. Any other standard of judgment towards us would not be just.
 - ii. Forgiveness and avoidance of punishment are based strictly upon obedience to the law of repentance.
 - b. We will get as much freedom in the next life as we allowed others in this.
 - i. Freedom = the power and opportunity to accomplish one's purposes.
 1. The law of retribution indicates that each person will be permitted to accomplish his own goals only to the extent that he is willing for others to accomplish them
14. Recall that the 4 main elements of free agency are:
 - i. life (with some degree of physical and mental health and strength),
 - ii. freedom from the restraint or coercion of others
 - iii. knowledge of those laws which must be obeyed in order to achieve any goal
 - iv. the right and control of property.
- b. when we endeavor to provide, preserve, or protect those 4 main elements of free agency, we increase freedom, and the opposite is true.
15. Law of Moses had what you do to others is what you get.
16. Law of Moses was also with Nephites, not all punishments/judgments recorded there, but it does list death for murder, punishment of slavery, lying, and theft Alma 17:9, 17-18.
17. Joseph F. Smith: No honest intelligence person will deny that the Ten Commandments are just righteous and pure. The 10 Commandments

- are the bases the US Constitution was built on. They are forever and can't be changed or ignored with impunity. They'll last forever.
18. To properly carry out the Lord's plan of protecting free agency, governments must be utilized in every age to inflict the punishments called for under the divine law of retribution.
 19. The carnal ordinances of the Law of Moses, meaning the blood sacrifices, were done away. But the Ten Commandments are eternal gospel truths. The law of retribution is also eternal because it is the very essence of eternal justice.
 - a. That there was no intention of superseding this part of the Law of Moses was made plain by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount "with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."
 20. The children of Israel in the days of Moses could be justifiably punished for breaking the Sabbath and worshiping idols for they had powerful overwhelming physical evidence that those were from God. Not so for societies without such evidence. But everyone knows that murder, adultery, lying, unfairness, bearing false witness, are bad, and can be judged of those in all nations. No one can do harm to another person without violating their conscience.
 - a. It is proper to execute law against those who break the 4 elements of freedom. See Alma 30.
 21. War justified when defensive
 - a. Alma 43:46-47; 48:14; 1 Ne. 13:17-18; D&C 98:31-37
 22. Fines to people whom are wronged by others (not the money going toward the law enforcement people) Alma 11:2.
 23. Can't have peace with government unless it will defend each individual right to property! D&C 134:2
 24. We share the cost of national security. Government can insist on this.
 - a. Alma 60:24-33
 - b. Taxes
 - c. Military mandatory draft
 25. Government jobs pay money to the employed Alma 11:1
 26. Joseph Smith said the Constitution is not a law, but it empowers men to make laws.
 - a. True, since there are no punishments listed therein.
 27. Joseph Smith said the Constitution is us having representatives making and enforcing laws, which are within the parameters of the Constitution.
 28. Constitutional law is to be maintained D&C 101:77
 29. Speaking of the Constitution God said, "more or less than this cometh of evil" D&C. We can make technical or procedural changes in the

affairs by the government, insomuch that it does not destroy “that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges.”

- a. God has sanctioned different types of governments, this shows that He intends there be flexibility in procedures and methods.
 - b. While God wouldn't care if we change the date the President takes office, **he would care about us changing the interpretation of “welfare clause” so as to empower the Federal Government to destroy the right of private property by welfare-statism and socialism.**
 - c. An amendment permitting women to vote would not appear to **destroy “rights and privileges” but an alteration in the meaning of the “Commerce Clause” to empower the Federal Government to regulate agriculture, labor, transportation, communication, health, education, welfare, etc., would** appear to have this effect.
 - d. The Constitution is for the rights and protection of all flesh and pertains to all people and anything more or less than it comes of evil, hence this is to be eternal law.
 - e. Laws necessary to protect freedom by punishing those acts and intents which destroy its elements never change; neither does the nature of those laws which compel men to perform those acts necessary to protect freedom.
30. Men should commit no act in the name of government which conscience forbids them to do as individuals.
- a. Number of people involved in decisions doesn't change their good or evil nature and effect.
 - b. Legislators are as powerless to alter the fundamental laws of good and evil as they are to alter the physical laws.
31. Can't punish someone for something they don't know is wrong; guilt must be there
- a. George Washington: the foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality.
 - i. Ben Franklin: He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will revolutionize the world.
32. If an act by an individual will jeopardize their freedom, so shall it be of the acts of groups of people (government acts). Aka, view government action and individual action through the same eyes.
- a. Government officials are merely servants of the people and derive all the power they possess from those they serve.
 - i. A power can rise no higher than its source.

1. No person can increase his authority merely by acting through an agent.
 - ii. Government can only do things the people have the moral right to do.
 - b. It makes not the slightest difference to an individual whether one man or a million put him to death, deprive him of his freedom, or take from him his property.
 - c. If it would be proper for such a person to be restrained by fear or punished for committing the forbidden act, it makes no moral difference whether the fear is induced and the punishment inflicted by one or many. It would be right in either case.
33. Thomas Jefferson: government positions are only to declare and enforce our natural rights and duties, and to take none of them from us. Every man is under the natural duty of contributing to the necessity of society; and this is all the laws should enforce on him. The government is to be impartial in helping bring justice to all. When the laws have declared and enforced all this, they have fulfilled their functions. When entering into a society we don't give up any natural rights.
 - a. In summary: government is to do these three things, and thus may you test every law thereof:
 - i. punish crime
 - ii. arbitrate and enforce rights between citizens
 - iii. compel each person to bear his fair share of the cost of government.
 - b. Scripture shows God approves of these 3 (above listed) measures to be enforced by police

Ch. 8 Free Agency in Hereafter Determined by Attitude Toward it Here

1. You will spend eternity living with people who allow you no more freedom than you allow them Matt. 25:31-46; Matt. 6:12; D&C 76; D&C 121
2. When God gives a people a nation of self-government he gives them the highest freedom they can possess
3. Regardless of religion, all people want freedom. All humans in all ages have this sense of desire for freedom, and conscience which tells them when their freedom is being violated by others, or what they're violating the freedom of others.
4. Unless all citizens have the same standard of good and evil which is expressed in their laws, the enforcement of those laws will create injustice, as persons who do something for good may get punished, and who do things for ill may punished for refusing to do something they believe is evil.
5. Everyone wants freedom, and all must share the equal burden of protection of that, so all can pay their share of taxes and civil duties hereto pertaining. This is the ONLY standard which men hold in common, and more or less than this from government "cometh of evil."

Ch. 9 Satan's Plan to Destroy Free Agency

1. Satan fights the institutions that uphold freedom
 - a. The family
 - b. The Church
 - c. The Lord's form of Government
2. Satan attacks life and individual liberty and property ownership
 - a. He wants mass murder, to own many slaves, etc., not just a few.
 - i. Government is the best instrument
 - ii. Slavery is bad. Thou shalt not steal shows this. Also Alma 1:18; 27:9; D&C 101:79
 - iii. Socialism and communism take personal property and personal business ownership. The state owns all; there is only one employer in the nation.
 1. No plantation owner ever exercised as much control over his slaves as a socialist country did over its citizens.
 2. A plantation owner in socialism is worse off than one in capitalism. This person may have a higher quality of life than his workers even in socialism, but he still is a prisoner to the state, and can't follow his dreams.
 3. Socialism is Satan's perfect form of slavery!
 4. In socialism there is always an army of bureaucrats with unlimited opportunities for those who seek positions in which they can exercise unrighteous dominion.
3. Satan attacks knowledge of truth
 - a. No one can attain a goal without knowing the laws he must apply unto to reach that goal.
 - b. Liars get the lowest kingdom D&C 76:103; Satan is the chief liar Moses 4:4
 - c. Lands whose laws punish perjury, give damages for deceit, and protect freedom of expression will thwart Satan in this.
 - d. Satan can only effectively destroy knowledge of truth by controlling government.
 - e. Socialized education (mandatory public education)
 - i. Satan uses this to take children away from their parents at a young age
 - ii. They are taught by state employees

1. The job of the state employee depends on their teaching the state agenda.
 - iii. They carefully select the text books
 - iv. Children's unsuspecting minds are taught false doctrines
 - v. Universal militarizing is another form of this
 - f. Control of government allows Satan to be in charge of what media and news show, punishing those who don't go along with the agenda promotion.
 4. Satan controlling government allows him to confiscate church property and individual property
 - a. Removes places where children are taught correct doctrines
 5. Satan is trying to get everyone to deny God. Moroni 7:17
 - a. Owning the state, as we have seen historically, one religion is promoted, and the others persecuted.
 - i. **Today Satan has been able to use police power to abolish all churches and establish an official state religion of atheism.**

Ch. 10 Do the Scriptures Permit the Conclusion that Prostituted Government is Satan's Church?

1. Satan would rather use government than a church
 - a. He could forcefully tax
 - b. He could forcefully make them come to daily brainwashing trainings
 - c. More access to weapons
2. In a free government, people who work for Satan are punished, as those who work for Satan use force to do evil. So Satan tries to get rid of free government.
3. Roman government
 - a. gave the Jews the courage to kill Jesus
 - b. killed thousands of Christians and tortured them
 - c. used taxes to live with prostitutes
 - d. kept books from what was going on from being written
4. Government imprisons and kills prophets
 - a. 1 Ne 13:5 this is the Church of the Devil
 - b. 3 Ne. 6:20 with 3 Ne. 6:23 they did this at the time of just before Jesus came
 - c. they did it to Abinadi
 - d. Ether 9:29; 11:5; Alma 37:30 among the Jaredites
 - e. D&C 135:7 to Joseph and Hyrum Smith
 - f. Rev. 16:6; 17:6; 18:24
5. To have worldwide influence, possibly a World Government 1 Ne. 14:10-11
 - a. They unite against the LDS v13
 - b. Economic monopoly it will have Rev. 13:17
 - i. This is like how today we can't buy or sell without the permission of the government!
6. Only government has the power to deny religious freedom, prohibit missionary work, and ban publications.

Ch. 11 Religious History Affirms that Satan has Always Tried to Control Government

1. Satan's first secret combination was headed up by Cain and his posterity continued to give it leadership down through at least 5 generations. Moses 5:41-51; Hela. 6:27
2. In the book of Ether secret combinations are mentioned 16 times.
 - a. This society was the greatest nation ever on earth. Ether 1:43
 - b. These combinations destroyed them as well as the Nephites. Ether 8:21.
3. Secret combinations "did obtain the sole management of the government" Hela. 6:39
 - a. Famine followed. Hel. 11:10-17
4. Kings put in wickedness. Ether 9:1, 4
5. Kings slain by the combinations
6. Kill the successful candidate. Hel. 1:7-11
7. They seek to kill the prophet. Hel. 2:4-5
8. They want the people to give away their possessions with a promise that they'll make them equal to them. 3 Ne. 3:10
9. When in power, they set aside the laws of liberty and put a king in charge. 3 Ne. 6:30
10. These lands led by these combinations are destroyed by God since they are "above all the wickedness of the whole earth"
11. Secret combinations are MOST abominable to God. Ether 8:18
- 12. The Church of the Devil and the Secret Combinations seem to be the same organization**
 - a. Satan heads them both. 1 Ne. 13:6; Ether 8:25
 - b. They're both described by the prophets as being the ultimate in wickedness. 3 Ne. 9:9; Ether 8:18; 1 Ne. 13:5
 - c. They're both the source of abominations. Hel. 7:25; 1 Ne. 14:9
13. John is not allowed to finish his account of the end of the earth, but before ending he does write that the "whore of all the earth" became "drunken with the blood of the saints." Rev. 17:6
14. Church of the Devil seeks "to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations and countries" Ether 8:25

Ch. 12 Identification of Satan's Church by Latter Day Prophets

1. Prophets to identify Satan's movement. Alma 37:25
2. David O McKay: Communism greatest satanical threat to peace prosperity and the spread of God's work among men on earth
3. McKay, David O: there are two contending forces: **Christ vs. Satan.**
Other names this goes by are these:
 - a. **Personal liberty vs. domination by the state**
 - b. Free agency vs. communism
4. Taylor, John: **communism and nihilism are against every principle of the Gospel.**
 - a. **Joseph Smith said that when they begin to take place, the liberties of this nation begin to go away.**
5. Grant, Heber J: in the time of the Great Depression, some of the Saints were going over to communism. No! **The safety of our divinely inspired Constitution and the welfare of our Church demand that Communism shall have no place in America.**
6. Benson, Ezra Taft: We in America have known freedom and think it'll never be different than freedom here.
 - a. It can be different
 - b. It is becoming different
 - c. **We go blithely and gullibly** on our way to danger of losing our liberty
 - d. Some go for the murderous Kruschev
 - e. **Some call patriots extremists and accuse courageous liberty-loving citizens of dividing our people.**
 - f. Join our forces against anti-Christ.
7. Brown, Hugh B.: communism is Satanic
 - a. It teaches atheism
 - i. It teaches that religion is a mere opiate
 - b. **It seeks to deprive spiritual physical and mental freedom**
 - c. It seeks to give the state supremacy
 - d. It is a continuation of the war that began when Heavenly Father rejected Satan's plan of force
 - e. **We live in the most dangerous period of all history**
 - f. **The Church is the main bulwark against communism.**
8. McKay, David O.: Communism
 - a. Destroys man's agency
 - b. **No member of this Church can be true to his faith in lending aid to, or sympathy to, or encouragement to these**

philosophies; neither can any American be a patriot in supporting this.

9. Romney, Marion G.: Socialism and welfare-system are part of Satan's plan.
 - a. The Brethren (the leadership of the Church) asked him to speak on this; he did so at BYU in a talk called "Socialism and the United Order Compared"; he repeated that talk in priesthood session of General Conference.
 - i. Communism and socialism differ in the tactics and strategy rather than in objectives
 1. Uses Encyclopedia Britannica: Communism is socialism perused by revolutionary means and making its revolutionary method a canon of faith.
 - a. Like socialists, communists believe in
 - i. The collective control and ownership of the vital means of production
 - ii. Seek to achieve through state action to coordinated control of the economic forces to society.
 - b. In the US, we have adopted a social welfare state, which brought much socialism to us.
 - i. The President speaks of going even further by taking the money they don't think should be spent from the "haves" and give it to the "have nots". That is the spirit of socialism: Taking.
 1. In contrast, the spirit of the United Order is Giving.
 - c. We have come a long way into public ownership of the means of production.
 - i. This also has wounded the free agency of this people.
 - d. Socialism is the wave of the future, it has already taken over or is contending for most nations. I abhor it.
 - e. Encyclopedia Britannica: Since WW2 socialism has been spreading rapidly over the world. **SOCIAL DEMOCRACY is one manifestation of Socialism!**
10. McKay, David O.: the trend of increasing immorality and violence crime divorce delinquency riots strikes and other civil disorders can be from a direct relationship of how the people of this nation have the

tendency to “pass on to the state the responsibility for their moral and economic welfare”

- a. Welfare State causes people to worship the government more than God.
 - b. Warn and re-warn the youth of this.
 - c. **History “is replete with the downfall of nations who, instead of assuming their own responsibility for their religious and economic welfare, mistakenly attempted to shift their individual responsibilities to the government.”**
 - d. **BYU teachers should not support socialism. “The views of every prophet of the Church, from the Prophet Joseph Smith on down, concerning our belief that we should be strong self-reliant individuals, not dependent upon the largess of government. None of the doctrines of our Church give any sanction to the concept of a socialistic state.”**
11. A great book on what the prophets have said about political matters is “Prophets, Principles and National Survival” by Newquist; Publishers Press, SLC UT (1964).

Ch. 13 The Concept and Philosophy of The Devils Church

1. The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
 - a. This document is the starting point for modern socialism says the encyclopedia.
 - b. Says that the Communist League started as a secret society. This is the same word The Book of Mormon uses to describe evil organizations. (3 Ne. 3:9; Ether 9:6; 11:22)
 - c. Can't support it since prophets have said communism is "diametrically opposed to everything for which the Church stands"
 - d. It says the immediate aim of the Communists is political power conquest
2. More Communists views
 - a. when capital goes away, the family will also. They want the family gone.
 - b. Religion is merely an opiate of the people
 - c. Law morality and religion are really just things that the bourgeois (the mean rich people who rule the working class) hide behind
 - d. Take children from their parents
 - e. Overthrow all working social organizations of current government.
 - i. Book of Mormon points out that the plan of the secret combination organizations is the overthrow all government (Ether 8:25)
 - f. Get rid of individuality
 - g. Get rid of independence
 - h. All must work. Police enforce such. Slavery thus inevitable.
 - i. Abolish private property (freedom thus being impossible)
 - j. State control of food, clothing, shelter, all consumable goods, and the means to produce such. Thus the people will be slaves, doing whatever their masters tell them merely to stay alive. Hence only the states' goals will be accomplished, not the individuals.
 - k. Working class to take all capital from those who currently own it. (Proletariats take all the capital of the bourgeoisie)
 - l. Confiscation of property by taxation and other laws
 - i. Taking private property is the fastest way to get into socialism.

- ii. Uses the guise of money being for national parks, flood control, irrigation districts, housing projects for the poor, etc.
 - iii. Heavy graduated income tax also accomplishes this; gets rid of all capital except a bare sustenance.
 - iv. Laws where upon the death of the owner, the business goes to the state.
 - v. Calls for confiscation of property of emigrants and rebels
 - 1. They define rebels as whoever doesn't believe in socialism.
- m. Regulation of who can enter business and get jobs
 - i. You work for the government or you don't work at all.
 - ii. License all occupations, trades, labor unions,
- n. Regulation of business
 - i. Where located (Zoning Laws)
 - ii. What it makes
 - iii. Hours
 - iv. Wages
 - v. Which employees to be used
 - vi. Which machinery to use
 - vii. Product standards
 - viii. Safety standards
 - ix. Pollution standards
 - x. Centralization of means of communication and transportation, all owned by the state.
 - xi. Acquittal of distinction between towns and country; dispersing everyone more evenly throughout the land (by force as all of this is)
- o. Regulation of banks, credit, and interest rates
 - i. National bank
 - ii. State capital
 - iii. Exclusive monopoly
 - iv. Lenin (first Communist leader of Russia) said the best way to get rid of capitalism is to debauch the currency.
 - 1. Control of inflation enables secret confiscation of wealth. This is a very subtle method. Not one man in a million can diagnose this. (Keynes). P107

2. When we are in a society where all trade is done via currency, state can easily manipulate.
3. Irredeemable currency which the government can print at will causes extreme stranglehold on the economy.
 - a. They use this phony money to create goods and services at will.
4. Inflation can wipe out the creditor class by changing
 - a. Value of insurance policies, social security benefits, pensions, bonds contracts, savings accounts, annuities, old age benefits, all forms of indebtedness.
 - b. Article 1 Sec. 10 of the US Constitution stops this by only allowing “gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts.
 - i. Only precious metals can release a debtor
 - ii. Congress has passed laws that
 1. make it a crime to use gold as money
 2. mint coins out of base metals
 3. make irredeemable paper a tender in payment of debts

3. Most of the main parts of the Communist Manifesto are adopted in most states around the world.
4. By doing these following things, communist proposals have been implemented in the US and other supposed capitalist nations:
 - a. Licensing laws which dictate who may engage in business
 - b. Welfare programs which take property from the “haves” and give it to the “have-nots”
 - c. Regulatory laws which empower government bureaucracy to tell private owners how they must operate their enterprises
 - d. Graduated income, gift, and estate taxes, which confiscate virtually all income above certain minimums
 - e. Laws which corrupt monetary systems

Ch. 14 Priestcraft

1. Communist manifesto calls for free education for all the children in public schools
 - a. A most effective method for instituting perpetual falsehood.
 - b. Thought control
 - c. Thus they impose the state religion (*which happens to be atheism currently)
 - d. In the past there is a long history of combining state and church to get political control
 - e. They **buy up the teachers and priests and change all the doctrines and teachings**
2. The state religions of the past aren't so evil from merely their teaching wrong things about the next life, but from them **using the sword to enforce their creeds**; getting rid of freedom.
3. Today we **have the priestcraft of atheism, socialism, and materialism. It's being forced** upon us.
 - a. We're being compelled to worship the state; this is worse evil than former times being forced to worship a Supreme Being.
 - i. They advocate that this be used to satisfy material needs
 1. **Instead of teaching that we are children of God answerable to our Creator for our sins, they teach that we are animals which have no higher goal than satisfying the lusts of the flesh!**
 - ii. **Instead of merely pushing their creeds on adults on Sundays, they take our children from us (via forced public school) and indoctrinate them throughout the whole week.**
 - b. **Whether priestcraft is enforced by communists or religionists, it's central evil is the same: the power of government to abolish freedom** and compel the people to finance their own enslavement by supporting teachers who are paid to deceive them into believing that the particular brand of priestcraft they are **subsidizing is the only true religion.**
4. Children are removed from their homes which are where the Lord intended them to be taught, and they are forced to go to public school to be indoctrinated in organic evolution, atheism, materialism, and socialism.
 - a. This is all designed to destroy belief in God, and to get us to surrender our freedoms over to communism.

5. Priestcraft is teaching for the sake of “gain and the praise of the world” (2 Ne. 26:29-31)
 - a. On the other hand, if your intent is the building up of Zion, and he teaches, and is in need, and the people voluntarily give him substance, that is ok.
6. Noah forced his people to pay a 20% tax to support him in his evil; and he had them build all kinds of wonderful thrones for the government. (Mosiah 11:6, 11)
7. Alma 1:12 (see also Alma 1:3, 6, 7 and Mosiah 11:6) show that one type of priestcraft is enforced on the people, another is not, and **the type which is enforced, Alma greatly feared, seeing it as a type which could cause the destruction of the entire** people.
8. The only way to enforce priestcraft is by having it policed. Government has monopoly on force.
9. Alma 1:16 only those who love the vain things of the world are in favor of priestcraft
10. People persecute the true Church because they share Gods word with each other without being paid (Alma 1:19-20). (This destroys the craft of those who go around doing this for monetary gain).
11. Those who had the wisdom of the world tried to get political control by majority vote, and to change the laws to fit with their philosophies. Their intent was to destroy the church of God. (Alma 2:1, 3-4)
 - a. Thus we see they seek to destroy all religions except their own.
 - b. Thus we see that they sought to compel everyone to only support the priests and teachers in their church! (*Sounds like mandatory public education again)
12. The incident with Amlici shows that when these wise of the world people loose political elections, that doesn't stop them from foisting their philosophies into the laws of the land.
13. Amlici tries to push these ideas on the people at the beginnings of their free government, which they were still not used to self-rule. The only reason it didn't get through in this case was that too many people took interest in political affairs.
14. The Nephites would rather die than submit to Amlici's ways, knowing that the enforced priestcraft would prove the destruction of the entire nation.
15. The city of Ammonihah was utterly destroyed from its adoption of priestcraft into their laws. This is the time when Alma resigned the judgment seat and was a full-time missionary warning the people to repent or be destroyed. They didn't repent and were destroyed. Alma was thrown out, and the angel told him to return, for they were plotting to throw over the liberty of the people (Alma 8:17 etc.)

16. Amulek rebuked the people for using their self-government to bring in evil laws. (Alma 10:19).
 - a. Also, the lawyers and judges were laying the foundation for unrighteous laws (Alma 10:27)
17. Nehor advocated that the priests and teachers should be supported by the people. They did, and were destroyed (Alma 16:11)
 - a. Before being destroyed, these people burned the believers and their records; they hated that they would teach and preach for free.
 - b. Alma 1:12 is the warning against priestcraft, and Alma 16:9 is the fulfillment of that.
18. Wicked Lamanite king appointing official teachers over the people (Mosiah 24:1, 4)
19. The priestcraft people (oft after the order of Nehor) get so behind their ways that they'll kill those who believe in the true religion (Alma 24:28; Alma 25:5-7)
20. It was because of priestcraft that Jesus was crucified (2 Ne. 10:5). They were the learned of the people. They say in the judgment seat of Moses (Matt 23:2)
 - a. Rabbi meant doctor, teacher, master.
21. The Jews gave all power to the Rabbi's. These Pharisees were the teachers of the Law. They received superstitious honor. They were given equal reverence as prophets. (Talmage, Jesus the Christ p71; referring to Geike's Life and Words of Christ vol 1 Ch 6)
 - a. Also from Talmage: The Jewish hierarchy of Jesus' time was an open avarice scandal, heaping treasure to itself from the poor class, often taking the property of the widow, etc. They called themselves just and holy and had many words to say.
 - i. The Jews did the worst crime ever, kill Jesus, because of this priestcraft. They have had the severest of punishment, and will continue to until they believe in Christ (2 Ne. 25:16)
22. Lamanites, Nephites, Jews, the city of Ammonihah, the Amlicites, Zarahelma, all these had priestcraft. Here are **common themes** from them all:
 - a. A group of teachers who were either in control of government, or acted with the approval of those who were, engaged in the profession of education or instruction
 - b. The teachers were supported by the taxing power of government
 - c. When prophets exposed the evils of priestcraft, its practitioners used the police power to inflict death upon them and others of their faith, insofar as they were able to do so

- d. God avenged these murders by putting to death those who perpetrated them and severely chastising the nation which permitted them to go unpunished.
23. While priestcraft outside Zion may not be fatal, those who labor for money inside of Zion will perish (2 Ne. 26:29-31)
 24. The Gentiles will have priestcraft among them (3 Ne. 30:2). This would be speaking about us in the USA, etc., the non-Jewish, non-Lamanite groups.
 - a. When the gentiles have priestcraft and reject the gospel it will be taken from them (3 Ne. 16:10)
 - b. When Christ speaks of the people as being salt that has lost its savor, we know he is talking to his covenant people, for they are who are the salt of the earth, no one else. (3 Ne. 16:13, 15)
 - i. In every instance where Christ called his followers the salt of the earth (3 Ne. 16:13, 15; D&C 101:39-40; Matt. 5:13; 3 Ne. 12:13), he warns that if they lose the savor, they'll be trod under foot.
 25. Church members should voluntarily support the laborer in Zion lest he perish. They help his basic needs be met. And if they are doing it merely for money, they'll perish (2 Ne. 26:29)
 26. Only state supported education can be classified as enforced priestcraft. Its practitioners supported by taxation.
 27. Seeing as we have these warnings against priestcraft in the latter-day Gentile world, and the state is not funding religious education, what could it be referring to? Public education. Recall that the only stipulation for something to be priestcraft is "priestcrafts are that men preach and set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain and praise of the world" 2 Ne. 26:29. Preach could mean secular as well as religious subjects!
 28. The name Nehor in the Book of Mormon stands for enforced priestcraft.
 29. The Lamanite king employed teachers, not to get religion going, but to make his people like the Nephites, prosperous and wise as to the learning of the world. But without religion this influence merely lead them to wickedness.
 30. Mosiah 24:5-7 and Alma 24:28-29 show that **socialized education without religion constitutes priestcraft**, and exposes the evil nature of the philosophy upon which this is based. They sought to learn to read and write, but only to get gain, "to increase in riches". This ends up only harming. The Lamanites with this but no religion became people whom were "delighting in all manner of wickedness and plunder." The teachers and the students of priestcraft all get corrupt.

- a. Cursed are those who “hearken to the precepts of man, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost.” 2 Ne. 28:31
 - b. Satan’s CUNNING plan is to give men learning without humility and faith in God (2 Ne. 9:28)
 - i. The US today has secular education which constitutes the precepts of men. Thus it will only bring ill.
 - ii. **If by the learning of secular knowledge one thereby becomes proud and incapable of believing religious truths without which there can be no salvation or exaltation, obviously one would be better off without the worldly wisdom.** (Mark 8:36-7 if you gain the whole world and lose your soul, you’ve lost everything)
 - 1. If truth set A is indispensable to salvation while truth set B is not, focus on set A. Often those who study B become blind to A. Defer B until losing A becomes unlikely. If you learn A and continue therein, and are blessed with B also, good for you. (2 Ne. 9:29 to be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God)
31. God considers the learned and rich to be fools unless they’ll humble themselves before God (2 Ne. 9:42)

Ch. 15 Socialized Education and False Doctrines

1. Even though socialized education were to teach nothing but provable facts, still it constitutes enforced priestcraft which is condemned by the prophets.
2. Social education is compelled to teach that the miracle of life is the result of blind chance rather than the design of God.
3. Since socialized schools don't teach supernatural explanations for creation, and they can't ignore creation, they resort to organic evolution as their cornerstone to explain this in the courses of history, anthropology, psychology, geology, astronomy, sociology, biology, botany, bacteriology, etc.
 - a. People learn that all is either by chance or by men. It follows that it wasn't God, and that the bible is false.
4. Joseph Fielding Smith spoke of how in the scholastic world, no man's faith is respected. The people with degrees think they are better than others, and thus able to criticize and condemn any doctrine or theory against their own. The teacher thinks himself immune from the need to respect the beliefs of students. Most textbooks written today boldly and impudently contradict the doctrines in the Bible and its history. "I know of no history published today [1954] dealing with ancient peoples that does not start out with a false conception in relation to the origin of man, the age of the earth, and the historical development of the human race." (Smith, *Man His Origin and Destiny*, pp. 4, 10)
5. Joseph Fielding Smith calls organic evolution a chief weapon of Satan in attempt to destroy the divine mission of Jesus Christ. It claims that there can be no repentance and no sin. (ibid p 184)
6. The rising crime today is from lack of belief in God and moral law.
7. Organic Evolution sounds like Korihor: no consequences, you make it by how tough you are, by being the best of the best and smarts. (Alma 30:17). The effect of this preaching is wickedness (Alma 30:18).
8. Socialized education teaches that the state is responsible for children
9. Parents must finance public schools based on taxation, so if they want their children to go to private school, they must pay for the education of two not one children. Hence many can't and merely use the public schools.
- 10. Those who favor socialized education take the position that the state and not the parents should have the responsibility of training children during a certain period of their lives.**
11. State schools make it impossible for the individual preferences of families to be respected regarding vital matters.

12. Those working within the system are ever trying to increase the amount of state control at the expense of parental control.
13. “Trust no one to be our teacher nor your minister, except he be a man of God, walking in his ways and keeping his commandments.” (Mosiah 23:14)
 - a. **To obey this instruction, a parent must be able to determine who teaches his child.** He can’t under socialized education.
14. “When the Lord entrusts parents with his spirit children, He holds them accountable for the training of those children. If they fail to discharge their duty properly, the sin is answered upon their heads. (D&C 68:25) If the child is cursed because of the parents’ neglect, the curse will be the parents’ rather than the child’s. (2 Ne. 4:6) **Any system, therefore, which forcibly takes from the parents the power to control what their children are taught, and who teaches them, is contrary to the Lord’s plan.** It deprives parents of their most sacred stewardship and takes the child away from those who are most deeply concerned with his welfare. **No state employee whose purpose in teaching is to get gain can be expected to serve the interests of the child as well as the parents who render their service without compensation. More especially is this true when the teacher is prohibited by law from instilling faith in the child.**”
15. Socialized education teaches socialism both in theory and practice.
 - a. **Once the idea is accepted that it is the function of government to use its taxing power to solve the problem of ignorance, which it is claimed stems from poverty, the theory that poverty is the concern of the state has been accepted.**
 - i. If you accept this, that the government should use taxation (which is taking from the haves to give to the have not’s) for the purpose of education, to cure the social ill of ignorance, would it not also follow that the state should provide for food, housing, medicine, transportation, and entertainment? (*All these things are far from the original intent of government (not to mention the US Constitution) being security!)
 - ii. Socialistic programs are all incorporated into the socialized education system
 1. School lunches
 2. Dining facilities
 3. Student housing
 4. Medical care

5. Busing
6. Athletics
7. Drama
8. Music
9. ...
10. **The students who are being educated and supported at state expense cannot be expected to object, or to cease desiring such doles upon graduation.**
 - b. George Q. Cannon: “If you want to pauperize a community, begin by giving them something they never earned. If the state owes to the child schooling, it also by a parity of reasoning, owes to it food and clothing at public expense. If you want to destroy in a child’s mind that feeling of energy, self-respect, and self-reliance, which all should have, you would impress upon him that the state owes him something upon which he can depend.” (George Q. Cannon, Salt Lake Tribune, April 12, 1877)
16. It is widely recognized that public schools and universities are the foremost advocates of socialism because they teach it in theory and practice.
17. Teachers are forced to write in the textbooks the things which the billions of dollars coming to them say should be in the books.
18. Degrees bring social status and wealth making capabilities, but when the acquisition of wealth and secular knowledge is given in preference to spiritual training and religious faith (which the public schools are not permitted to teach), a set of false values is instilled in the student.
19. The definition of Materialism (which socialized education teaches):
 - a. The doctrine that the facts of experience are all to be explained by reference to the reality, activities, and laws of physical or material substance.
 - b. In psychology, this doctrine denies the reality of the soul as a physical being
 - c. In cosmology, it denies the need of assuming the being of God as absolute Spirit or any other spiritual ground or first principle.
20. Materialism is the official doctrine of the communists, they call it “dialectical materialism” (materialism developed by logical argumentation)
21. We are cursed if we hearken to the precepts of men, except such come by the Holy Ghost (2 Ne. 28:31)
 - a. Public schools are limited to teaching the “precepts of men” and “wisdom of the world”

- b. **A child will be cursed rather than blessed by learning the precepts of men from teachers who do not have the power of the Holy Ghost.**
 - c. Those who don't listen to God are fools (2 Ne. 9:28)
- 22. Socialized education is the Devil's Church
 - a. Upon the force of government, he compels all parents to send their children to his church for training.
 - b. They are taught the Devil's doctrines
 - i. Organic evolution
 - ii. Atheism
 - iii. Socialism
 - iv. materialism
 - c. No one is permitted to teach in his church until they have first been to college and there been indoctrinated with his philosophies.
 - d. The professors, from degrees and status, refuse to hearken to the counsels of God, or to be lead by the Holy Ghost.
 - i. Since they don't have the Holy Ghost, they only have power to curse those who accept their teachings (2 Ne. 28:31).
 - 1. Only evil can result from such teachings.
 - e. **Parents are compelled by the devil's church to finance with their tax money the corruption of their own children!**
- 23. **"If evolution, socialism, materialism, atheism, and other similar philosophies of men which are being taught by the public schools today are not the doctrines of Satan, one will find it difficult to find a set of teachers better calculated to serve his purposes; and if socialized education is not his "cunning plan" to spread these false teachings, one will also find it difficult to design a plan which does the job more effectively and completely. And finally, if this is his plan, he "decieveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9) with it because there are few indeed who regard it as such.** In fact, socialized education has become so universally accepted that the suggestion that it promotes the plan of the evil one may shock some. Teachers, especially those who have spent so many years and so much of their means obtaining the credentials for employment will find it difficult to view the institution which feeds them as the Great and Abominable Church. However, a teacher who accepts the gospel as true and is willing to be guided thereby will not lightly cast aside the many scriptures and statements of the prophets which point to this possibility."
 - a. "...the laborer in Zion shall labor for Zion; for if they labor for money they shall perish." (2 Ne. 26:31)

24. The privilege of parenthood is the most sacred stewardship of all and that the experience is designed to develop that divine skill without which one cannot expect to have eternal increase.
 - a. Hesitate before approving of a system that forcibly deprives parents of their rights and responsibilities.
 - b. Precisely distinguish between the Lords and Satan's plans for rearing children in order that they (parents) may be candidates for the role of parents during the eternities.

Ch. 16 Latter-day Prophets and Socialized Education

1. Before education of children by public funds was accepted, prophets spoke against it. After it had been written in the constitution and laws of the state, and the people had come to accept it, little was or has been said.
2. Brigham Young: “Many of you may have heard what certain journalists have had to say about Brigham Young being opposed to free schools. **I am opposed to free education as much as I am opposed to taking property from one man and giving it to another who knows not how to take care of it...I school ten children to everyone that those do who complain so much of me.** I now pay the school fee of a number of children who are either orphans or sons and daughters of poor people. But in aiding and blessing the **poor I do not believe in allowing my charities to go through the hands of a set of robbers** who pocket nine-tenths themselves, and give one-tenth to the poor. **Therein is the difference between us: I am for the real act of doing and not saying.** Would I encourage free schools by taxation? No!” (JD 18:357)
3. Apostle Woodruff: the cost of free schools would eat up the entire property of the territory - real and personal - in twenty years. Saints should rather save from their whiskey and tobacco indulgence the cost of educating their children. (Salt Lake Tribune, Jan. 23, 1877)
4. As a condition of Utah becoming part of the US, they were forced to adopt “free” common schools for grades 1-8.
5. Joseph F. Smith’s response to the government starting to force public high school also: “I hope that I may be pardoned for giving expression to my real conviction with reference to the question of education in the State of Utah. The government of the State has provided for the common schools up to the eighth grade, and meets the general expenses of these schools....In addition to these, we are having forced upon the people high schools throughout every part of the land. I believe that we are running education mad. I believe that we are taxing the people more for education than they should be taxed. This is my sentiment. And especially is it my sentiment when the fact is known that all these burdens are placed upon the taxpayers of the state to teach the learning or education of this world. God is not in it. Religion is excluded from it. The Bible is excluded from it. And those who desire to have their children receive the advantages of moral and religious education are excluded from all these state organizations, and if we will have our

children properly taught in principles of righteousness, morality and religion, we have to establish Church schools or institutions of education of our own, and thus the burdens of taxation are increased upon the people. We have to do it in order that our children may have the advantages of moral training in their youth. I know that I shall be criticized by professional ‘lovers of education’ for expressing my idea in relation to this matter.” (Conference Report, Oct. 1915)

6. In 1877, 3 years before becoming president of the Church, John Taylor was elected Territorial Superintendent of Schools. Although the Brethren were opposed to public schools, the Territorial Legislature had voted funds for this purpose, and doubtless the Church leaders felt that someone with the Church point of view should occupy this sensitive office.
7. John Taylor, 1879: “And then we want to study also the principles of education, and to get the very best teachers we can to teach our children; see that they are men and women who fear God and keep his commandments. We do not want men or women to teach the children of Latter-day Saints who are not Latter-day Saints themselves. Hear it ye elders of Israel and you school trustees.” (JD 20:179)
8. Latter-day Saints are just as entitled to have LDS teachers as Catholics and Protestants are to have teachers of their faith.
 - a. Parents cannot select their children’s teachers in the public education system unless they are willing to support two educational systems at the same time (pay taxes for public schools, and pay tuition of your student at their private school).
9. John Taylor’s opinion that LDS who subject their children to non-LDS teachers won’t make it to the Celestial Kingdom: “I am told in the revelations to bring up my children in the fear of God....Now we are engaged...in building our temples...that we may become united and linked together by eternal covenants that shall exist in all time and throughout eternity. And then when we have done all this go and deliberately turn our children over to whom? **To many who do not believe the Gospel, to men who, according to your faith are never going to the celestial kingdom of God....And you will turn your children over to them.** And you call yourselves Latter-day Saints, do you? I will suppose a case. **You expect to be saved in the celestial kingdom of God. Well, supposing your expectations are realized, which I sometimes doubt,** and you look down, down somewhere in a terrestrial or telesial kingdom, as the case may be, and you see your children, the offspring that God had given you to train up in his fear, to honor him and keep his commandments, ...And supposing they could converse with you...what would be their feelings toward you? It would

be, **Father, Mother, you are to blame for this. I would have been with you if you had not tampered with the principles of life and salvation in permitting me to be decoyed away by false teachers, who taught incorrect principles.** And this is the result of it. But then I very much question men and women's getting into the celestial kingdom of God who have no more knowledge about principles of life and salvation than to go and **tamper with the sacred offspring, the principle of life which God entrusted to your care, to thus shuffle it off to imbibe the spirit of unbelief, which leads to destruction and death.** I very much doubt in my mind the capability of such people getting there." (JD 20:107-8; see also JD 19:248; 20:48, 60; 22:222, 315; 24:168, 352; 26:97, 112)(see also Mosiah 23:14, a scripture he used: only let people of God be your teacher)

10. John Taylor: Church should have it's own books for it's children's' education: "And then with regard to our **educational pursuits, let us do all we can in that direction. Some people talk about the means it takes; why money is not to be compared with intelligence.** I wish we had **our own textbooks, published by ourselves and read by our children.** I think such things are indicated in the Doctrine and Covenants." (JD:20:169)
 - a. Obviously a reference to D&C 55:4: "And again, you [W. W. Phelps] shall be ordained to assist my servant Oliver Cowdery to do the work of printing, and of selecting and writing books for schools in this church, that little children also may receive instruction before me as is pleasing unto me."
11. Why don't the prophets speak in the same way now against socialized education? This could be why:
 - a. When the people are disobedient, the Lord doesn't let the prophets speak as much doctrine
 - i. Alma 12:9, 11: "10. It is given unto many to know the mysteries of God; nevertheless **they are laid under a strict command that they shall not impart only according to the portion of his word which he doth grant** unto the children of men, **according to the heed and diligence which they give unto him.** 11. And they that **will harden their hearts, to them is given the lesser portion** of the word until they know nothing concerning his mysteries; and then they are taken captive by the devil, and led by his will down to destruction. Now this is what is meant by the chains of hell."

- b. Nephi says that in the last days, the Gentiles will reject the Gentiles would reject the prophets and the Lord would cover their seers:
 - i. Ne. 27: 1, 5: “1. But, behold, in the last days, or in the days of the Gentiles—yea, behold all the nations of the Gentiles and also the Jews, both those who shall come upon this land and those who shall be upon other lands, yea, even upon all the lands of the earth, behold, they will be drunken with iniquity and all manner of abominations— 5. For behold, the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep. For behold, ye have closed your eyes, and ye have rejected the prophets; and your rulers, and the seers hath he covered because of your iniquity.”
12. “It is the “vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men” which makes it possible for them to believe that their own meager, and oft times erroneous store of knowledge is of such importance that it must be forced upon everyone. It is precisely because of these weaknesses that “they hearken not unto the counsel of God,” and because they will not hearken they believe in enforced priestcraft. But no one can convince them that “their wisdom is foolishness.” On the other hand, so arrogantly certain are they of the value of what they think they know, that they want to force everyone into the same mold of socialized education to learn it.”
13. Abraham Isaac and Jacob make their living tending flocks and herds in a desert country. They lived completely outside of what we call “civilization” and had none of the “advantages” we ascribe to it... Nevertheless, the scriptures tell us they “are not angels but are gods.” (D&C 132:37). They had all the knowledge essential to the attainment of the supreme goal of existence, a knowledge of the things of God. Without this, “wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth [us] not. And [we] shall perish”
- a. Only those who lack faith in the omnipotence and justice of God can believe in priestcraft.
 - b. God grants wisdom to each nation to teach his world in wisdom all he sees fit that they should have (Alma 29:8).
 - i. The only fate one may determine is his own, thus we should not force things on others.
 - ii. All men will receive the exact amount of knowledge which the Lord in His wisdom “seeth fit that they should have,” and no one can give them any more than this or withhold from them what they deserve.

- iii. This faith level of Alma (Alma 29:8 referred to above) is very hard for men to attain.
- 2 Even Alma had a hard time restraining his desires to “set the world straight”; he had to remind himself that God is at the helm and everyone will receive their just dues
 - 3 Mosiah 27:13: “This is my church, and I will establish it; and nothing shall overthrow it, save it be the transgression of my people.”
 - 4 Alma’s wish to be an angel to tell all earth is taken back in realization that God is in charge, and is just. Alma 29:4: “I ought not to harrow up in my desires the firm decree of a just God, for I know that he granteth unto men according to their desire, whether it be unto death or unto life...”
 - 5 Once we have this level of faith (that God is just to all, that each one works out his own salvation, that the only soul one can save is his own), he will simply seek the Lord’s will about what to do when it comes to ignorance, poverty, sickness, etc., and then try to do it. He will learn and use the methods of the Lord. He will see compulsion as the devil’s plan and avoid using it.
 - 6 “If God is not omnipotent and just; if He does not govern in the affairs of men and of nations; if a person’s knowledge and his salvation which is dependent thereon are determined by the chance actions of associates who are oft times unwise and sinful – then are we mere pawns on the chessboard of fate being moved here and there by blind forces over which we exercise little or no control.”

Ch. 17 The Kingdom of God vs. The Kingdom of the Devil

1. we pray for the kingdom of God to come, “thy kingdom come”. What is a kingdom? A territory, people, state or realm ruled by a king or a queen; a monarchy; The kingdom of God involves submitting your will to him; our foremost duty in life is the “seek first the kingdom of God”
 - a. The Lord has repeatedly, as shown earlier, established civil governments, prescribed civil laws, and appointed rulers for the purpose of providing free agency for His Children. **His direct intervention in political affairs is one of the best-attested facts of religious history.**
2. President Joseph Fielding Smith defines “the kingdom of God” using the words of Elder Orson Pratt: “The kingdom of God is an order of government established by divine authority. It is the only legal government that can exist in any part of the universe. All other governments are illegal and unauthorized. God having made all beings and worlds, has the supreme right to govern them by his own laws, and by officers of his own appointment. Any people attempting to govern themselves by laws of their own making, and by officers of their own appointment, are in direct rebellion against the kingdom of God.” (Smith, Seek Ye Earnestly, p.22, Deseret Book, 1970)
3. John Taylor’s definition of the Kingdom of God: “The Kingdom of God, is the government of God, on the earth, or in the heavens....If the world be the Lord’s, He certainly has a right to govern it; for we have already stated that man has no authority, except that which is delegated to him. He possesses a moral power to govern his actions, subject at all times to the law of God; but never is authorized to act independent of God; much less is he authorized to rule on the earth without the call and direction o the Lord; therefore, any rule or dominion over the earth, which is not given by the Lord is surreptitiously obtained, and never will be sanctioned by him. (John Taylor, Government of God, p. 1, 58)
4. Thus those who are appointed by God to govern and execute God’s will constitute themselves and the territory they reside in, as the kingdom of God.
5. Joseph Smith about the Kingdom of God: “What constitutes the kingdom of God? Where there is a prophet, a priest, or a righteous man unto whom God gives his oracles, there is the kingdom of God... (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 271-4)
 - a. Thus God’s kingdom may exist simultaneously with others at times.

- b. Luke 17:20-21 also shows the Kingdom of God is within you.
6. Establish only laws which have the approval of God! Thus you will be in His Kingdom. If you seek laws that are not of God's kingdom, you can't claim to be in God's kingdom.
 7. Joseph Fielding Smith on God's kingdom meant to ever rule earth:

“When the first government was formed on the earth, the Lord directed it by revelation and gave laws for the guidance of the people. In course of time when man began to multiply they refused to hearken to the voice of revelation and **rebelled against the divine mandates that had been given them... In this manner the kingdom of God, as it was established by the Lord and intended by him to continue through all ages, came to an end.** In its stead man-made governments were formed and **man usurped the authority** which rightfully belongs to his Maker. **There have been times when governments have been directed by the Lord, and his will has been followed as it was made known through divinely appointed prophets. This was the condition of the city of Enoch;** in the days of Israel in Palestine, when they were not rebellious; among the Nephites through much of their history, especially during the two hundred years following the crucifixion of Christ. However with these and a few other exceptions, **almost from the beginning men have rejected the guidance of the Lord;** they have cast out or killed the prophets and have refused to recognize the voice of God in their affairs. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but that has not retarded fallen man in his usurpation of governmental authority which does not rightfully belong to him.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Seek Ye Earnestly, Deseret Book Co., 1970, p. 21-22)

 - a. We see God wants his government on earth always, but people reject his political leadership.
 8. Membership in God's kingdom is for here and now.
 9. The rightful sovereignty of God includes His Church, and the whole planet; political as well as ecclesiastical. He created this earth and it's his right to reign here as King of Kings.
 10. “God's commandments cover political as well as religious duties, and it is not possible for man to become a completely loyal member of God's kingdom without complying with both.”
 11. “Without the Lord's guidance, men are as incompetent to properly conduct political affairs as they are to conduct those which are religious, and any people “attempting to govern themselves by laws of their own making, and by officers of their own appointment, are in direct rebellion against the kingdom of God””
 12. “Thou shalt not build up the kingdom of the Devil.” (D&C 10:56)

13. The kingdom of God is government under God's authority, and the kingdom of the Devil is government under the Devil's authority/influence.
14. The Kingdom of the Devil is prostituted government.
15. God seeking righteous government and the devil seeking wicked government is a greatest battle.
 - a. Everyone is under some civil government, so we are all involved
 - i. Thus we choose organized good or organized evil.
16. Government is about using control and thus affects free agency either positively or negatively.
 - a. Compulsion is always either good or evil; a distinct line. The penalty for crossing that line is most severe (D&C 121:37).
17. Some laws are suitable for God's Kingdom, others are suitable for Satan's. (D&C 98:5, 7), it can't ever satisfy both.
 - a. We are either on one side or the other, we need to distinguish which is which.
18. The laws of the United Order are suspended until the redemption of Zion (D&C 105:34).
 - a. Its two laws are consecration and stewardship. All they have including their time means and possessions belongs to the Lord. Those are all a stewardship from the Lord. They transfer all their property voluntarily to the Lord's church in a covenant that cannot be broken. They receive back the portion they need, and with that they can do as they will, sell it, or use it for business, or give it to heirs. But any surplus which was produced above the needs and wants was to go to the Lord's storehouse to become the common property of the Church. But the people can reject the United Order in the same way that they can now reject the law of tithing. Government laws protect his land, and he can choose to continue to live the United Order or not. But what he gave in the past can't be returned. He can merely decide to stop living the law at the present.
 - b. Without stewardships, our agency is diminished. The Lord says all must have stewardships (D&C 104:13).
 - c. Matt. 25:14-15 shows that the stewardships are not equal to all, but based on their capacities they had developed to that point. So shall it be in the next life, great differences because of this parable which says some don't do anything with what they get, and others do.

19. You can't be punished for greed or rewarded for charity unless you have property and power to acquire such; one must be free to do with his stewardship as he sees fit.
20. 4 types of laws allowed in the Constitution (which are also needful for the protection of stewardship): see p 159
 - a. Criminal laws which provide protection against those who take, injure, or destroy the stewardship of others
 - b. Laws which provide for defense against foreign aggressor nations; (These laws might be classified as criminal laws because they provide protection against foreign criminals)
 - c. Contract and tort laws which permit those who have been injured by the intentional or negligent conduct of others to have their claims litigated and enforced;
 - d. Laws which make it possible for government to perform the above functions by compelling each person whose stewardship is protected to pay his fair share of the taxes and perform other necessary duties, such as serve in the armed forces.
21. 3 bad types of laws (which destroy stewardship): see p 160
 - a. laws which hinder or prevent the acquisition of a stewardship. In a well-developed economy where there is a marked division of labor, one acquires a stewardship of property by entering some specialized field and producing a large quantity of goods and or services for sale to or exchange with others who also are engaged in mass production. Under such conditions a person may be hindered or prevented from acquiring a stewardship by laws which make it difficult or impossible to enter business. There are a large variety of such laws including **licensing laws, zoning laws, employment laws** which forbid the hiring of a person because of age, sex, race, etc., and collective **bargaining laws which prevent employees from bargaining directly with employers**. In trying to justify such laws, people tend to **confuse a proper function of government-that of punishing crime-with an improper function-that of destroying stewardships**. They **erroneously imagine that licensing laws, for example, are necessary criminal laws**. This utterly false notion can be dispelled by noting that **existing criminal laws already provide that a person may secure redress for injuries** committed either intentionally or negligently, and that is all the protection which government can afford without destroying freedom.
 - b. Regulatory laws. **Laws which deny the steward the freedom to manage his own property are not authorized by the Constitution** and are destructive of those "rights and

privileges” which belong to all mankind. The multitudinous regulatory measures under which government commissions, boards, bureaus, and agencies regulate agriculture and labor, finance and banking, transportation and communication, mining and manufacturing, trades, professions, etc. **all have the effect of preventing the property owner from making his own decisions about his stewardship.**

- c. Compulsory charity laws. Laws which authorize and direct government officials to forcibly take property from its rightful owner and make a gift thereof to those to whom it does not rightfully belong, prevent the property owner from deciding for himself how charitable he will be with that property and thereby destroy the basis upon which the Lord intends to judge the world (Matt. 25:31-46) This constitutes a direct violation of the commandment “thou shalt not steal”. Merely changing the number who is involved in its commission does not change the evil nature of the act in the slightest. The Lord’s commandments apply with as much force to group action as individual action, and anyone who favors laws which destroy stewardship in this matter can hardly expect the kingdom of God.
22. Alex de Tocqueville speaks against the government taking over our decisions so the care of living is gone from us, and our free agency becoming less useful and less frequent. Government thus should not manage all things of our concerns or supply our necessities. This extinguishes and stupefies people unto being stupid animals over which the government is the shepherd. The democracy tends to get free long enough to merely choose their next slave master P161-2
23. First Presidency: Satan is making war against all the wisdom which has come to man over the ages... he is working under such complete disguise, that many don’t recognize him or his efforts. He never had such a firm grasp on people as he does now. He promotes communism and takes away free speech and press and agency and free religion and conscience. Free people can’t survive in these circumstances. P163
24. McKay: they take away freedom in the name of freedom in communism; they say labor camps are liberty, and that a slave state is democracy. P163
25. Joseph Fielding Smith: Satan now controls all the nations p163
26. Few can be trusted in government, but when a society is righteous enough, God raises up leaders righteous to lead them like happened in the beginning of the USA, whose motto was “in God we trust” p164

27. Separation of church and state is said in Constitution's first article:
"congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"
 - a. One violation of this is if you aren't allowed to vote because of your beliefs.
 - b. It's ok for someone to vote for a person who believes in the Kingdom of God and who votes for him or her for that reason.

Ch. 18 The Apostasy of the Latter-days

1. Whenever the Lord's people get prosperous as they are now, they fall away. The Church will remain standing, but the members won't necessarily follow the prophets. We mingle with the world so much now.
2. God's people are called salt (D&C 101:39-40), and it's said that when they lose their savor they'll be trampled (3 Ne. 16:15)
3. The Book of Mormon shows that the people of God get destroyed if they don't repent
4. The Church can only get destroyed if the people are wicked therein (Mosiah 27:13) thus is the reason for setting it up so many times historically, people often are evil quickly (Hel. 12:1-4).
5. Usually with apostasy, the people become wicked though they believe they are righteous.
6. The churches become corrupt from pride, false teachers, and false doctrine (2 Ne. 28:12)
7. Followers of Christ often err because of false teachings of men (2 Ne. 28:14)
8. The purpose for the fall was to know, like the gods, the difference between good and evil (Moses 4:11, 28). Satan's great purpose here is to deceive mankind (Moses 4:4).
 - a. So the great thing of this life is to distinguish between right and wrong.
 - b. If Satan can deceive us, he can get us to do evil because they believe it to be good, and induce them to refrain from doing good because they believe it to be evil.
 - c. Because of people's tendency to accept the beliefs of those who rear them, it's hard for people who live in the midst of wickedness to discern between right and wrong.
 - i. Thus the creeds of the fathers who have inherited lies are the mainspring of all corruption (D&C 123:7; 93:39)
9. Those of the Lord's Church tend to think they are immune to deception.
 - a. Rather, those who know the most are in the most danger of condemnation (D&C 82:3; 2 Ne. 9:27)
 - b. Only a few of the many the Lord called to go to the highest degree of glory will go there (D&C 121). Pres. McKay called this "The greatest revelation that God has ever given to man"
 - c. D&C 121 speaks against ruling with compulsion
 - i. The only place where people rule in compulsion without the fear of physical punishment or

condemnation from their fellow men is through government. The government makes people sate from retaliation of whom the government oppresses.

1. The only thing left to restrain their abuse is their conscience.
 - ii. It says nearly all men abuse power when they get it
10. Every welfare state is committing plunder. It is taking from someone else. It is theft.
 - a. Wo to those “whose hands are not stayed from laying hold upon other men’s goods, ...and who will not labor with your own hands!” D&C 56:17
11. Racketeering
 - a. Using physical violence outside the framework of government to give oneself a **monopoly power in a certain field of economic activity**.
12. Licensing
 - a. When **government machinery is used for racketeering**.
 - b. These are to obtain the things of this world and the honors of men.
 - c. This is not necessary to prevent crime! Criminal laws already punish all forms of crime, and licensing laws can’t possibly add to them.
 - d. Enforcement of licensing laws is a form of racketeering. It doesn’t matter that a legislative body sanctions it!
13. The effect and purpose of racketeering and licensing are the same.
14. The only legitimate function of government is defending freedom. Armies and navies protect our borders; executive and judiciary enforce our rights and protect us against crime; the legislature adopts laws for these purposes; all this is essential for human liberty.
 - a. Everyone desires liberty for himself and wants his own protected. Therefore, when anyone is required to help bear the cost of **THIS** protection, he is not being **compelled to purchase something he does not want or use**.
 - b. When government taxes us for other reasons than freedom, it’s for things we may not want or use.
 - i. Therefore, anyone who favors laws other than those “supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges” is committing evil (D&C 98:5-7).
 1. Anyone who is employed by government to execute such laws is compelling taxpayers to pay his salary against their will and is

committing extortion, and that is forbidden (D&C 59:20).

2. If government is used to compel a private employer to hire an employee or pay a minimum wage or other compensation against his will (*like insuring employees), this is also extortion.
15. All want freedom to spend money how they will, and to do with their business or farm as they will. They want to have privacy. They don't want others watching them or telling them how to manage their lives and property. **Intruding into other's concerns, at least on a private level, is criminal.**
- a. What is seen clearly when done by an individual **becomes hidden when done by a group**. When men act in the name of government, they don't hesitate to mess with a person's property or business. None of that is sacred anymore. They don't any longer hesitate to deny people privacy and freedom they desire for themselves. They no longer fear public restraint or retaliation.
16. We see this widespread "unrighteous dominion". No wonder many are called but few are chosen. Satan persuades people into believing that moral law which applies to individual action does not apply when men act in groups.
- a. All are accountable to God for the compulsion exercised under every law he favors.
 - b. Just because a nation has self-government, does not mean that God authorizes them to create whatever laws they want.
 - c. Both the Lord and Satan seek to control government, and people choose a side by deciding which laws and leaders he supports and opposes. You can either help the Lord preserve liberty, or help Satan destroy it.

Ch. 19 The Destruction of the Devil's Church

1. The end of the world means “the destruction of the wicked,” (Smith 1:4) and the “destroying of Satan and his works” (D&C 19:1); thus the fall of Satan’s Great and Abominable Church will occur simultaneously therewith.
2. The fall of the devil’s church is inevitable (2 Ne. 14:15-16)
3. When a nation lets secret combinations get in charge, that is the line in the sand for a nation’s point of no return. At that point, it is guaranteed to be destroyed (Ether 8:22-23).
4. Religious history confirms what when governments get to the point that they allow their officers of government to condone or participate in crimes against the saints and prophets, destruction is eminent.
 - a. Jews imprisoned Jeremiah and sought to kill Lehi, who fled, then shortly thereafter they were destroyed or carried into captivity.
 - b. They rejected Abinadi and killed him; shortly thereafter they were all killed or enslaved by Lamanites.
 - c. Those in Amonihah rejected Alma and Amulek, exiled male converts, burned female and child converts, and soon everyone in that city was slain by the Lamanites.
 - d. When the Nephite nation was wicked, it started with civil war and ended with famine. When prophets came to teach them pointing out the flaws in their government, they sought to kill him rather than to use their police power to protect him. Famine became so severe it threatened their entire extinction. When survivors repented, rain came (Hel. 11:18).
 - e. The destruction which came to the Nephites before the Lords’ visit to them (AD 33) came right after the murder of many prophets (AD 30) (3 Ne. 6:23).
 - i. When the Lord appears in 3 Ne. 9 telling them why the destructions had happened, this phrase occurs 9 times: “that the blood of the prophets and the saints should not come up unto me any more against them”
 - ii. Those who were spared were they who received the prophets and didn’t cast them out or slay them (3 Ne. 10:12).
 - f. Heth allowed prophets to be killed and “exceeding fast” they began to be destroyed (Ether 9:28-30).
 - g. Com got control of the government by secret combinations, and shortly thereafter came wars contentions everywhere,

- famines, pestilences, bringing greatest destruction ever (Ether 11:7).
- h. The Jaredite nation was destroyed from murdering the prophets and other abominations (Alma 37:29-30).
 - i. Those who slew Christ, the Jews, suffered shortly thereafter and have been the most subject to such longer than any other people on the earth.
 - j. Joseph Smith the prophet was murdered in the USA. It says “they” murdered the prophets and those sent to them (D&C 136:34-36) (*also, no one was put to charges for the murder of Joseph Smith!)
 - i. On several occasions, Brigham Young said the US Civil War was punishment from God to the nation for having killed Joseph Smith the prophet, and that the country would have no wars if it listened to Joseph Smith (JD 12:120-121)
5. Persecution of saints and prophets throughout history is always linked to corrupted government. These things could not occur without the support of those connected to police power.
 6. The Devil’s church brings the saints into captivity and tortures and kills them and yokes them with iron and bindeth them down (1 Ne. 13:5).
 7. God will avenge the blood of the saints (Ether 8:22).
 8. Secret combinations cause us to be in an awful situation we need to wake up to; the slain therefrom are crying for vengeance, as well as the oppressed therefrom (Ether 8:24; Mor. 8:38, 40-41).
 9. God will make a “full end of all nations” specifically for the purpose of vengeance of the slain of the saints (D&C 87:6-7).

Ch. 20 Summary and Conclusion

1. The Devil's Church is prostituted (corrupted) government.
2. There is a great division to come as foretold by scripture; in the past when **great divisions have happened, it is by political lines**. Thus shall it be in the future. *The Church of the Lamb battling the Devil's Church will be via contest between groups with opposing political philosophies who have aligned themselves with opposing governments.*
3. **People tend to not feel accountable for the evil done in the name of government.** This is a trick of Satan. In this age of irreligion Satan can do this twice as well.
4. Almost no one believes what the scriptures say about the existence of Satan, much less what the scriptures say about how **Satan controls a worldwide organization to which almost all people belong**.
5. Governments are from the Lord and he holds us accountable for our acts in relation to them (D&C 134:1).
6. **“By a careful perusal of the scriptures, however, we find that God in ancient days had as much to do with governments, kings, and kingdoms, as he ever had to do with religion.”** (John Taylor, The Millennial Star 5:8-9)
 - a. Scriptures conclusively show that when men have been righteous enough to accept the Lord's political guidance, He has designated forms of government, revealed laws, and appointed civil rulers. They also demonstrate that when nations to whom such guidance has been given deviate therefrom and corrupt their laws, they are severely punished. P189.
7. God may judge all men by their political beliefs. This reflects “right and wrong” regardless of religious beliefs. Political views reflect one's most sincere beliefs about what is good and evil. Those acts he considers most evil are forbidden by the laws he favors, and those acts he considers so good and beneficial that he assumes he has a moral right to compel others to perform them are commanded by the laws he favors. So certain is he that his code is right that he is willing to force it upon all other members of society by the use of physical violence.
 - a. If a person uses government to punish those acts which provide free agency and allows those acts which destroy it to go unpunished, the Lord will condemn him.
 - b. The resurrection of the “just” can be determined by who is “just”. What is it to be just? It's about what one's code of justice is based on acts and omissions he condemns in others

as set forth in the laws he favors as are the penalties he wants imposed for disobedience.

- i. One is unjust if they favor laws which deny others a freedom he desires for himself, or if they impose a punishment he would consider inequitable were he called upon to suffer it.
8. A person's political code can be used to determine how much he is in favor of the Lord's plan of free agency, vs. the devil's plan to oppress free agency.
9. Scriptures and prophets show that Satan's plan is to control government and induce wicked men to use it to wage war, commit murder, impose slavery and get power and gain.
10. The Lord will expose Satan and the secret combinations (Alma 37:25)!
11. The greatest threat from Satan today is "domination by the state" aka Communism.
12. The welfare-state is a program proposed by Marx for socialist-communist purposes and builds the Devil's Church.
 - a. It pertains to destroy the basis upon which freedom rests: the right and control of property.
 - b. It works toward abolishing the Lord's three organizations: family, Church, and government.
 - c. The 10-point plan of the Communist Manifesto is being embraced all over the world!
13. Laws which the Lord revealed for the protection of freedom are being ignored while innumerable laws are being enacted which destroy it.
14. **SINCE THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ANY LAW IS TO COMPEL PEOPLE AGAINST THEIR WILLS, EVERY LAW WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF PROTECTING FREE AGENCY HAS THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.**
 - a. Hence the Lord said that anything which is more or less than those freedom-protecting laws He caused to be established cometh of evil (*D&C 98:7, 10).
15. Communist manifesto calls for free education for all children in public schools. This is to indoctrinate them. It puts faith in socialism in them. Thus parents enslave their own children.
 - a. "...the creeds of the fathers who have inherited lies, [are] strongly riveted...upon the hearts of the children, and filled the world with confusion, and has been growing stronger and stronger, and is now the very mainspring of all corruption, and the earth groans under the weight of its iniquity. It is an iron yoke, it is a strong band; they are the very handcuffs, and chains, and shackles, and fetters of hell." (D&C 123:7-8).

- b. There is nothing new about using government to impose thought control on citizens.
- c. History shows that whenever he can, Satan uses police power to establish enforced priestcraft.
- d. Time and again, church and state have been combined and the power of government used to deny religious freedom as well as freedom of speech and press which are an inextricable part thereof. Government has been used not only to suppress all but the favored sect, but also the taxing power has been used to support its priests and their activities. **The essential evil of priestcraft lies in prostituting the power of government and using it to promulgate false creeds and deny religious freedom.**
- e. **Communism is more diabolical than any other type of priestcraft because its central doctrines are atheism and the destruction of free agency through socialism.** Organic evolution, materialism, and humanism are the **theories used to justify atheism and socialism by providing false explanations of the origin of life and its purposes.**
- f. Government controlled learning (priestcraft) in each scriptural case leads to murder of the saints and bringing terrible punishment upon those who engaged in it.
- g. In non-communist nations which have government schools where the laws forbid state financed religious instruction, the doctrines they teach are very similar to those taught in communist schools.
 - i. Since public schools cannot teach that God is the source of life, they attribute it to the blind chance of organic evolution
 - ii. Since public schools admitted goals are to prepare their students to obtain wealth, the wisdom of the world, and the honors of men, and since they are prohibited from giving priority to the spiritual goals taught by true religion, the philosophy instilled is essentially that of dialectical materialism of humanism
 - iii. Socialized education is itself one of the most important points of the communist manifesto and it generally encompasses many other socialist programs; students are taught socialism therein in both theory and practice.
 - iv. Prophets had strenuous opposition to the creation of public schools as before noted.

- v. To the extent which the government has control over the people, it will control the children at school.
 - vi. People get attached to the idea that knowledge of the world and riches are the source of joy and purpose of life.
- h. “The education of the present day is very largely knowledge without the accompanying intelligence, of light and truth. It is bound to be so, and much of the knowledge will be mixed with error, where faith in God and in his revelations is eliminated, and only the cold and many times barren conclusions of mind and reason are the guide. Such learning leads to spiritual death, and not to spiritual life.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, Vol. 1, p. 320)
16. The Lord’s kingdom includes political sovereignty. Nations which ignore that and make laws of their own, making and selecting rulers of its own choosing, is in rebellion against the Lord’s kingdom. People usually reject the Lord’s attempts to lead us in government. Ancient and modern prophets have shown that Satan’s kingdom has been established in every nation and he now reigns over the earth.
17. Because of extensive defection from gospel principles among the members of Christ’s Church, including unrighteous dominion, only a few of those who are called will be chosen to hold the Priesthood in the hereafter. Most in government do evil without fear of condemnation for crimes done therein.
18. Today people are inclined to look to government for the solution to almost all problems.
- a. Remedy for ignorance, poverty, disease, lack of culture, facilities or opportunities of any description are commonly sought for through the compulsion of state action.
 - b. There is today a **“trend of welfare state in which people look to and worship government more than their God”** (President David O. McKay, Letter to BYU Admin. & Faculty, 5/25/67)
19. The government is **the only organization which fits the description of the devil’s kingdom as an organization which has dominion over all the earth**, and to which all men belong; scriptures show Satan has always tried to use government; government is the only thing which can get rid of the Lord’s system of stewardships by using police force to get rid of property.
- a. Probably 90% of the laws being made by governments today are **unjust in the sight of God because their purpose is not to punish evil, but rather to deny men their freedom to manage their private affairs.**

- b. Proof of an evil intent is not required to convict one for violating a law in an overwhelming majority of cases!
- 20. No organization has caused more dispute and death than government; man fears nothing more than government; hence this is the thing that most drastically needs a solution.
- 21. God's ways lead to freedom and happiness, Satan's lead to captivity and sorrow.
- 22. It's unthinkable that God would not give us guidance in solving this the greatest of all problems of the human race.
- 23. Satan has kept his ways so well hidden that only those who search the revelations of the prophets can find him out.
 - a. Wear out your lives in bringing hidden things of darkness to light (D&C 123:13-17; 84:117; 18:20)! This will have the effect of a small helm causing a great ship to turn coarse (D&C 123:13-17; 84:117; 18:20)!