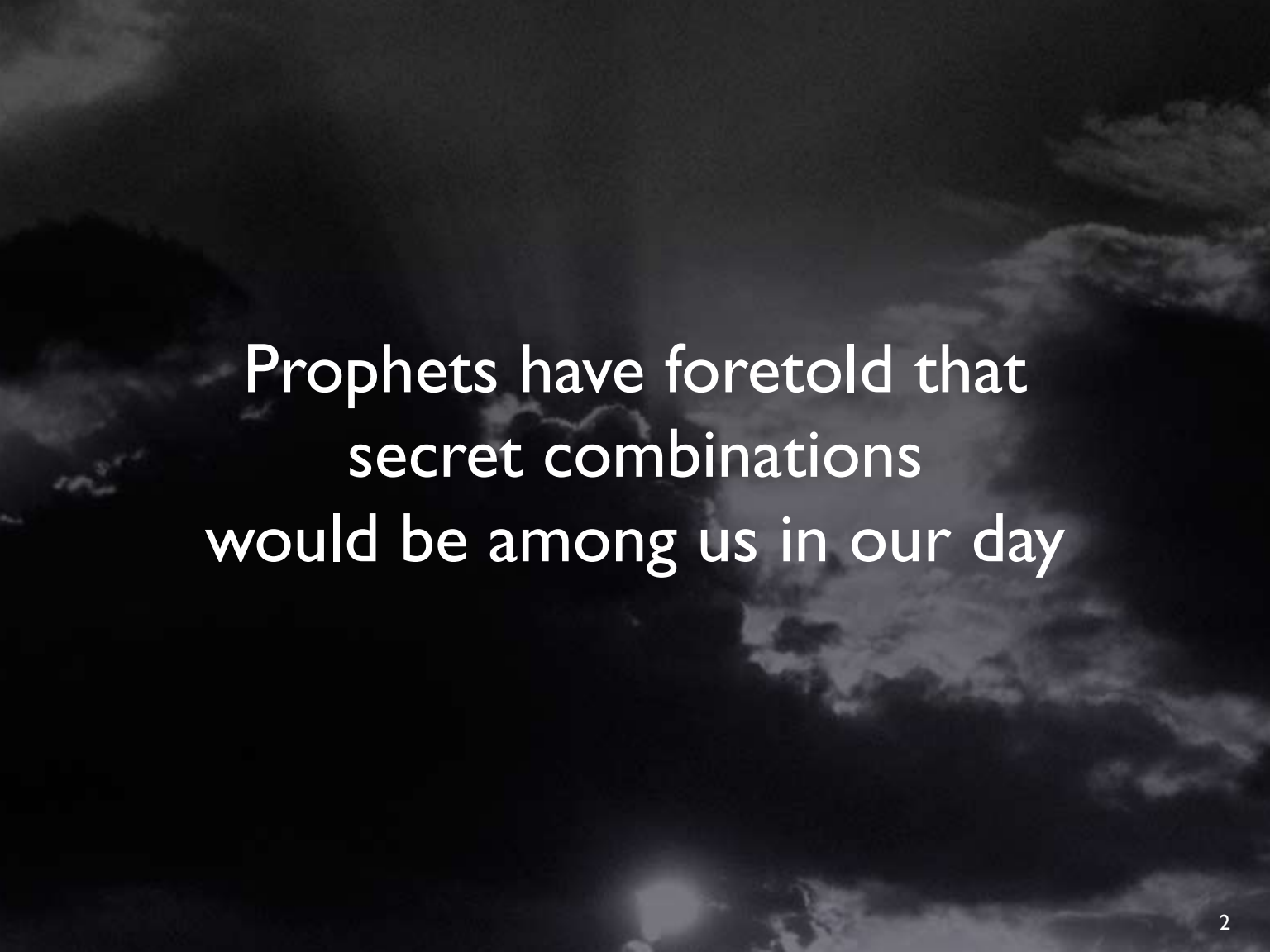




# OUR AWFUL SITUATION

**Secret Combinations Above Us**



Prophets have foretold that  
secret combinations  
would be among us in our day



“And the Gentiles are lifted up in the pride of their eyes... And there are also secret combinations, even as in times of old, according to the combinations of the devil, for he is the founder of all these things.”

*2 Nephi 26:20-22*

The Prophet Nephi



“Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing.”

*Mormon 8:35*

The Prophet Moroni



“It is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain...

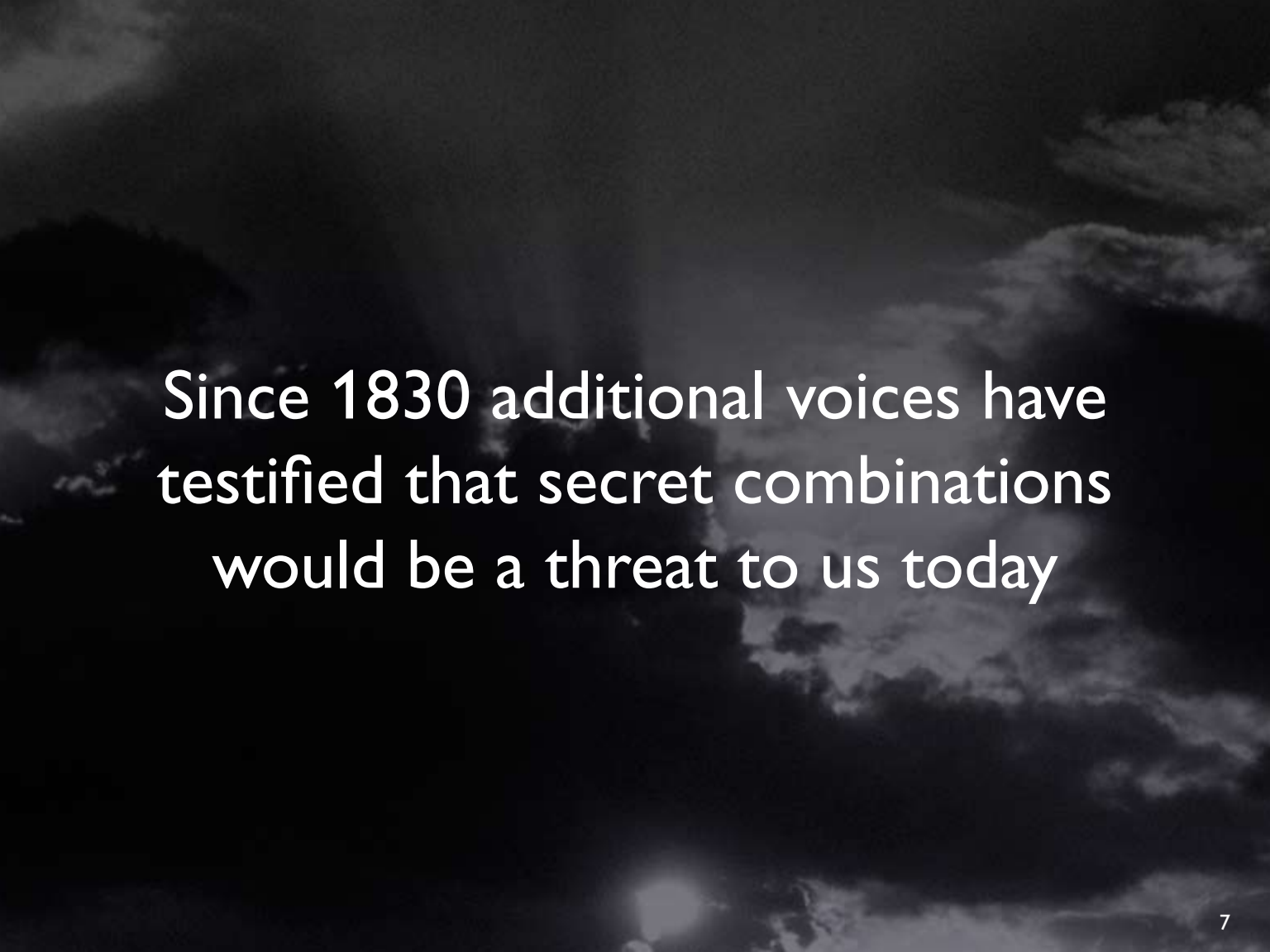
The Prophet Moroni



...Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you.”

*Ether 8:23-24*

The Prophet Moroni



Since 1830 additional voices have testified that secret combinations would be a threat to us today

“And even now, let him that goeth to the east teach them that shall be converted to flee to the west, and this in consequence of that which is coming on the earth, and of secret combinations.”

*Doctrine and Covenants 42:64—February 9, 1831  
(see also D&C 38:28-29, 89:4)*





Joseph Smith  
(1805-1844) Prophet of God

“Thus we find that there have been frauds and secret abominations and evil works of darkness going on, leading the minds of the weak and unwary into confusion and distraction.”

*Letter to the Saints from Liberty Jail—December 16, 1838 (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 127-128, 1976)*



## Brigham Young

(1801-1877) President LDS Church

“Gadianton robbers... are ready to lead astray every man and woman that wishes to be a Latter-day Saint.”

*Journal of Discourses—January 20, 1861*



## John Taylor

(1808-1887) President LDS Church

“These secret combinations were spoken of by Joseph Smith years and years ago. I have heard him time and time again tell about them, and he stated that when these things began to take place the liberties of this nation would begin to be bartered away.”

*Journal of Discourses—July 3, 1881*



## Moses Thatcher

(1842-1909) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“I have seen the end of this nation and it is terrible... I will tell you in the name of the Lord that a secret band will sap the life of this nation.”

*In an address in Franklin, Idaho, Franklin Ward  
Historical Record—June 16, 1882*



George Q. Cannon  
(1827-1901) First Presidency

“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized in 1830. At that time there were but few indications, especially in our own nation, of the growth of such [secret] combinations as are described in that which I have read...



**George Q. Cannon**  
(1827-1901) First Presidency

...But in the lapse of sixty years a great change has taken place in the affairs of the nations of the earth; and now those familiar with current events can see the propriety — yea, the necessity — of such a warning as this.”

*Journal of Discourses—March 11, 1894*



Joseph F. Smith

(1838-1918) President of LDS Church

“We very much regret to say... certain secret societies have used, and are using their influence against us.”

*First Presidency Letter—December 16, 1907*



“Again I warn that there are amongst us evil influences plotting and conspiring to destroy all that we hold sacred in our Church and in the nation.”

*General Conference—October 1939*

**J. Reuben Clark, Jr.**  
(1871-1961) First Presidency





## Heber J. Grant

(1856-1945) President LDS Church

“[Satan] plans to destroy liberty and freedom... and to set up in place thereof the greatest, most widespread, and most complete tyranny that has ever oppressed men. He is working under such perfect disguise that many do not recognize either him or his methods.”

*General Conference—October 1942*



“Gadianton robbers fill the judgment seats in many nations. An evil power seeks to overthrow the freedom of all nations and countries.”

*General Conference—April 1980*

**Bruce R. McConkie**

(1915-1985) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

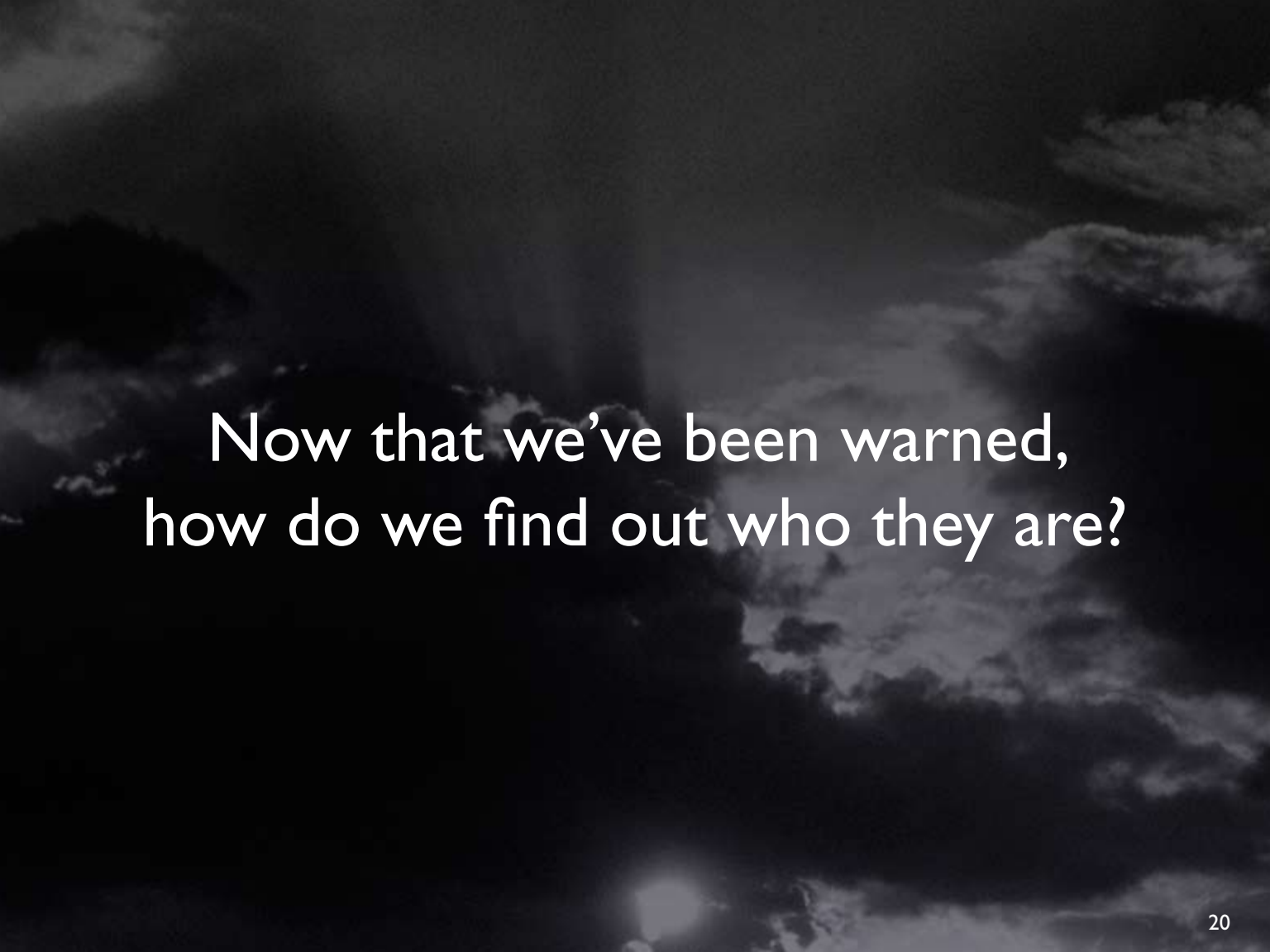


## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) President LDS Church

“Secret combinations lusting for power, gain, and glory are flourishing. A secret combination that seeks to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries is increasing its evil influence and control over America and the entire world.”

*General Conference—October 2, 1988*



Now that we've been warned,  
how do we find out who they are?



The first step:  
use the Book of Mormon  
to understand their character



“It was the object of all those who belonged to [Gadianton’s] band to murder, and to rob, and to gain power, (and this was their secret plan, and their combination).”

*Helaman 2:8*

The Prophet Mormon



“Yea, it is that same being [Satan] who put it into the heart of Gadianton to still carry on the work of darkness, and of secret murder; and he has brought it forth from the beginning of man even down to this time.”

*Helaman 6:29*

The Prophet Mormon



“And behold, he doth hand down their plots, and their oaths, and their covenants, and their plans of awful wickedness, from generation to generation according as he can get hold upon the hearts of the children of men.”

*Helaman 6:30*

The Prophet Mormon





“And they were kept up by the power of the devil to administer these oaths unto the people...”

*Ether 8:16*

The Prophet Moroni



“And now I, Moroni, do not write the manner of their oaths and combinations, for it hath been made known unto me that they are had among all people.”

*Ether 8:20*

The Prophet Moroni



“[They] did mingle themselves among the people, in a manner that they all could not be found.”

*Helaman 6:22*

The Prophet Mormon



“They did have... their secret signs, and their secret words; and this that they might distinguish a brother who had entered into the covenant.”

*Helaman 6:22*

The Prophet Mormon



“...having usurped the power and authority of the land... and moreover *to be held in office at the head of government, to rule and do according to their wills.*”

*Helaman 7:4-5*

The Prophet Mormon



“And thus they did obtain the sole management of the government, insomuch that they did trample under their feet and smite and rend and turn their backs upon the poor and the meek, and the humble followers of God.”

*Helaman 6:39*

The Prophet Mormon



“The Nephites did build them up and support them... until they had... seduced the more part of the righteous until they had come down to believe in their works and partake of their spoils, and to join with them in their secret murders and combinations.”

*Helaman 6:38*

The Prophet Mormon



“And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed.”

*Ether 8:22*

The Prophet Moroni





“And they have caused the destruction of this people of whom I am now speaking [the Jaredites], and also the destruction of the people of Nephi.”

*Ether 8:21*

The Prophet Moroni



“...suffer not that these murderous combinations *shall get above you*, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon *you*.”

*Ether 8:23*

The Prophet Moroni

# Secret Combinations

- Desire unlimited wealth and power and obtain it through deceit, thievery, and murder
- Always operate under the cloak of secrecy, concealed from the general public
- Bind each member with Satanic oaths and covenants for mutual protection and support
- Desire to be at the head of government, or in other words to be “above us” to steal property and enslave us



Step two:  
prepare ourselves to accept the truth



“[Those] who have ears to hear can understand what the secret combination is and can identify those who build it up.”

*The Millennial Messiah, p. 62—1982*

**Bruce R. McConkie**

(1915-1985) Quorum of Twelve Apostles



## Patrick Henry

(1736-1799) American Patriot

“For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it might cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it.”

*Speech Virginia House of Delegates—  
March 23, 1775*



## John F. Kennedy

(1917-1963) 35th President of the U.S.

“If this nation is to be wise as well as strong, if we are to achieve our destiny, then we must know all the facts and hear all the alternatives and listen to all the criticisms.”

*Saturday Review*, p. 44. —October 29, 1960



Joseph Smith  
(1805-1844) Prophet of God

“We should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness, wherein we know them.”

*Doctrine and Covenants 123:13—March 1839*





## Ezra Taft Benson

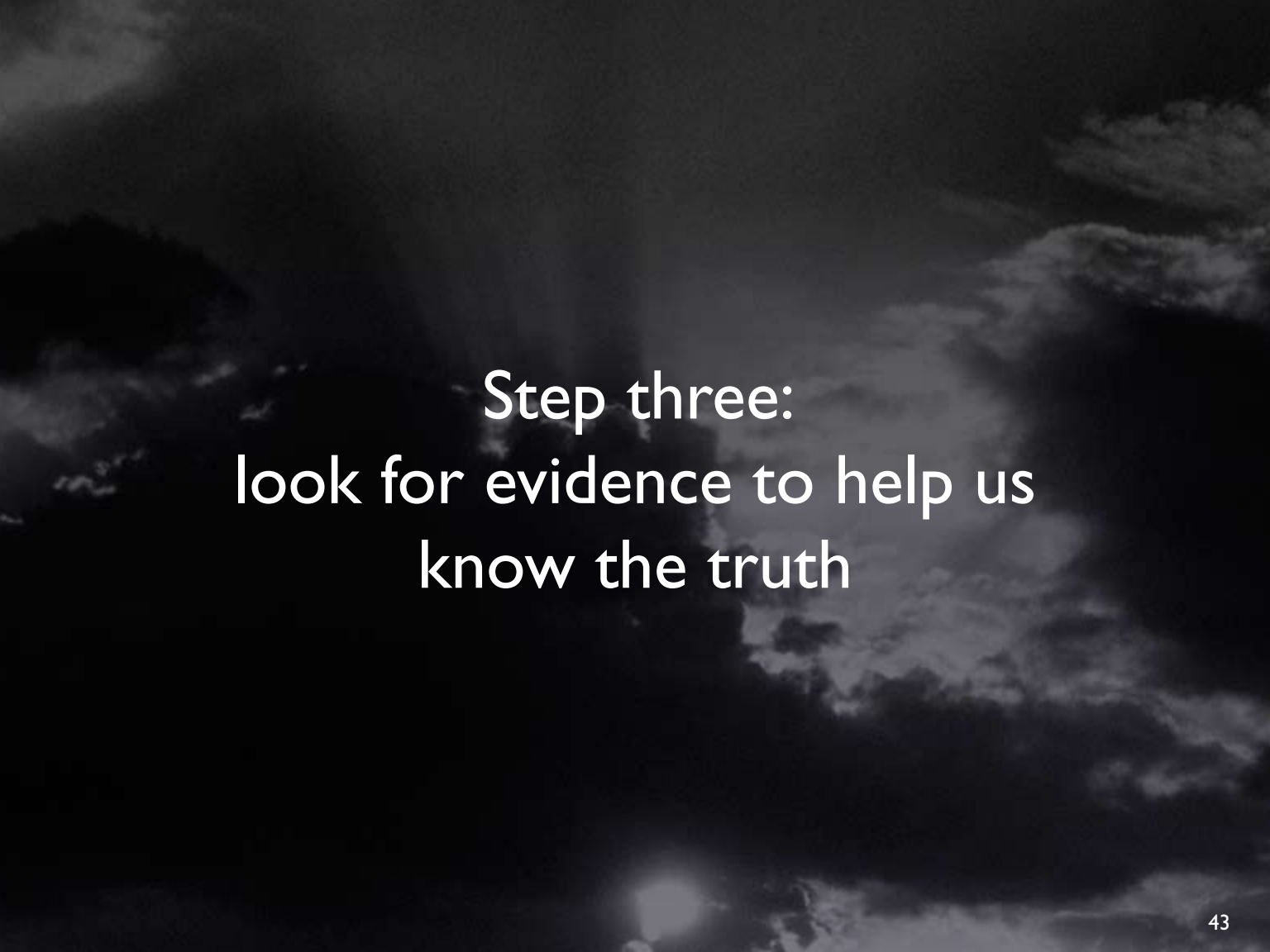
(1899-1994) Pres. Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“Let us never fear truth, but only its misuse. On the contrary, let us love truth above all else—for God himself is truth.”

*“Your Charge: To Increase in Wisdom and Favor with God and Man,” New Era, p. 40 — September 1979*

“And ye shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you free.”

*John 8:32*



Step three:  
look for evidence to help us  
know the truth



## James Madison

(1751-1836) 4th President of the U.S.

“I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.”

*Virginia Convention on the ratification of the Constitution—June 6, 1788 (Elliot’s Debates, volume 3, p. 87)*



## Thomas Jefferson

(1743-1826) 3rd President of the U.S.

“Single acts of tyranny may be ascribed to the accidental opinion of a day; but a series of oppressions, begun at a distinguished period, and pursued unalterably through every change of ministers, too plainly prove a deliberate, systematical plan of reducing us to slavery.”

*The Works of Thomas Jefferson, Volume 1, p. 130.*



## Andrew Jackson

(1767-1845) 7th President of the U.S.

“It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their selfish purposes.”

*Veto of the Second National Bank—  
July 10, 1832*



“Power tends to corrupt  
and absolute power corrupts  
absolutely.”

*Letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton—April 5,  
1887 (Acton, Essays on Freedom and Power, pp.  
335–36)*

Lord John Dalberg-Acton

(1834-1902) English Historian



George Q. Cannon  
(1827-1901) First Presidency

“We have known that these combinations would exist, that they would increase in the midst of the people... *seeking to destroy government, to overturn existing institutions, and to array class against class, community against community.*”

*Journal of Discourses—March 11, 1894*





“Any nation that permits a secret combination *to gain control of its government* shall be destroyed; such is the everlasting decree of a just God.”

*The Millennial Messiah, p. 66—1982*

**Bruce R. McConkie**

(1915-1985) Quorum of Twelve Apostles



“Already are agencies at work in the land calculated to subvert and *overthrow every principle of rule and government*; already is corruption of every kind prevailing in high places and permeating all society.”

*Journal of Discourses—April 9, 1882*

John Taylor

(1808-1887) President LDS Church



J. Reuben Clark, Jr.  
(1871-1961) First Presidency

“Do not think that all these usurpations, intimidations, and impositions are being done to us through inadvertency or mistake, the whole course is deliberately planned and carried out; its purpose is to *destroy the Constitution and our Constitutional government.*”

*General Conference—October 1949*



John Robison

(1739-1805) Professor of Philosophy, Edinburgh

“An association has been formed for the express purposes of rooting out all the religious establishments and *overturning all existing governments...* the leaders would rule the World with uncontrollable power, while all the rest would be employed as tools of the ambition of their unknown superiors.”

*Proofs of a Conspiracy, p. 7—1795*



“Princes and nations shall  
vanish from the earth.  
The human race will then  
become one family, and the  
world will be the dwelling of  
Rational Men.”

*Letter to Cato in “Proofs of a Conspiracy”,  
p. 91—1795*

**Adam Weishaupt**

(1748-1830) Founder of the Illuminati



“The Association of which I have been speaking, is the Order of Illuminati, founded in 1775, by Dr. Adam Weishaupt, professor of Canon law in the university of Ingolstadt.”

*Proofs of a Conspiracy, p. 9—1795*

**John Robison**

(1739-1805) Professor of Philosophy, Edinburgh



“I am proud to be known to the world as the founder of the Illuminati.”

*An Improved System of Illuminism—1787*

Adam Weishaupt

(1748-1830) Founder of the Illuminati



“It was not my intention to doubt that the doctrines of the Illuminati and the principles of Jacobinism had not spread in the United States. On the contrary, no one is more satisfied of this fact than I am.”

*Letter to Reverend G.W. Snyder—October 24, 1798 (The Writings of George Washington, volume 20, page 518, GPO; 1941)*

**George Washington**

(1732-1799) 1st President of the U.S.





## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“This greed for goods and power is as old as man and as widespread as the human race. *It goes by many names, disguised in many forms, as men think up many excuses for robbing and ruling their fellows.*”

*BYU Speeches of the Year—December 10, 1963*



“The great strength of our Order *lies in its concealment*; let it never appear in any place in its own name, but always concealed by another name, and another occupation.”

*Letter to Cato, quoted in “Proofs of a Conspiracy”, p. 112—1795*

Adam Weishaupt

(1748-1830) Founder of the Illuminati



“The great and good ends proposed by the Illuminati, as the ultimate objects of their union, are the overthrow of religion, government, and human society civil and domestic.”

*“The Duty of Americans, At the Present Crisis”*  
—July 4, 1798, (in *Political Sermons of the American Founding Era: 1730-1805, 2nd Edition, volume 2, part 5; 1998*)

Timothy Dwight IV

(1752-1817) President of Yale University



**Nesta H. Webster**

(1876-1960) Historian and Author

“From Weishaupt through Babeuf, Marx, and Lenin, the revolutionists pushed the five abolitions, namely of monarchy and all other ordered government, of national patriotism, of property and inheritance, of all religion, and of marriage and the family.”

*World Revolution, the Plot Against Civilization—  
1921*



## Winston Churchill

(1874-1965) Prime Minister of the UK

“From the days of Weishaupt to those of Karl Marx... this world-wide conspiracy for the overthrow of civilization and for the reconstitution of society... has been steadily growing.”

*Illustrated Sunday Herald, p. 5—February 8, 1920*

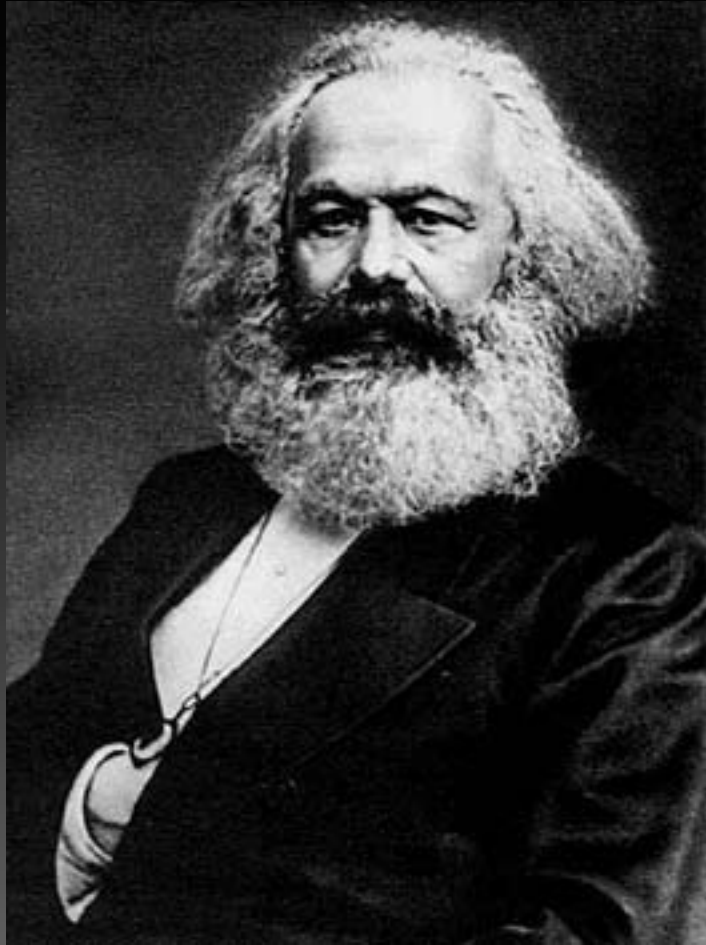


## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Pres. Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“Satan works through human agents. We need only look to some of the ignoble characters in human history who were contemporary to the restoration of the gospel... I refer to the infamous founders of Communism and others who follow in their tradition.”

*General Conference—October 1979*



## Karl Marx

(1818–1883) German Philosopher

“The Communists... openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions... Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality.”

*Manifesto of the Communist Party—1848*



“Communism is organized wickedness and crime of the blackest type. Harsh terms, certainly! Its objectives are confiscation of property, robbery of those who have, slavery of its productive workers, and death to its opponents.”

*General Conference—April 1949*

**Joseph F. Merrill**

(1868-1952) Quorum of Twelve Apostles





## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“The aim and purpose... was then and is now world socialism, which communism seeks to achieve through revolution and which socialists seek to achieve through evolution.”

*General Conference—October 1961*



“The American people will never knowingly adopt Socialism, but under the name of ‘liberalism,’ they will adopt every fragment of the Socialist program until one day America will be a Socialist nation without knowing it happened.”

*Campaign speech—1948*

**Norman M. Thomas**

(1884-1968) U.S. Socialist Party Leader



“In our dealing with these subversive forces, we react about like frogs. I am told that a frog dropped suddenly into a pan of hot water will immediately jump out; but that if he is put in a pan of cold water and placed on a stove, he will stay in it until he boils to death.”

*BYU Speeches of the Year—February 11, 1964*

**Marion G. Romney**

(1897-1988) Quorum of Twelve Apostles



“The threat of Communism is very real. The threat of Socialism is even more real.”

*BYU Speeches of the Year—May 24, 1961*

**Ezra Taft Benson**

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles



David O. McKay  
(1873-1970) First Presidency

“During the first half of the twentieth century we have traveled far into the soul-destroying land of socialism.”

*Deseret News—October 18, 1952*



“The paths we are following, if we move forward thereon, will inevitably lead us to socialism or communism, and these two are as like as two peas in a pod in their ultimate effect upon our liberties...”

J. Reuben Clark, Jr.  
(1871-1961) First Presidency



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(1871-1961) First Presidency

...We may first observe that communism and socialism—which we shall hereafter group together and dub Statism—cannot live with Christianity nor with any religion that postulates a creator.”

*Deseret News—September 25, 1949*



**Dr. Bella Dodd**

(1904- ?) U.S. Communist Party leader

“I think the Communist conspiracy is merely a branch of a much bigger conspiracy.”

*Quoted in “The Naked Capitalist” by W. Cleon Skousen, p. 1—1970*





“There does exist, and has existed for a generation, an international Anglophile network which operates, to some extent in the way the radical Right believes the Communist act.”

*Tragedy and Hope, A History of the World in Our Time p. 950—1966*

**Dr. Carroll Quigley**

(1910-1977) Professor Georgetown University



## Woodrow Wilson

(1856-1924) 28th President of the U.S.

“[We are] no longer a government by free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and the duress of small groups of dominant men.”

*The New Freedom: A Call for the Emancipation of the Generous Energies of a People—1913*



**John F. Hyland**

(1868-1936) Mayor of New York City

“The real menace of our republic is this invisible government which like a giant octopus sprawls its slimy length over city, state, and nation. Like the octopus of real life, it operates under cover of a self-created screen.”

*New York Times*—March 26, 1922



“When the President signs this act [Federal Reserve Act of 1913], the invisible government by the Monetary Power will be legalized.”

*Speech on the Senate floor—November 1912*

Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr.  
(1859-1924) U.S. Senator, Minnesota (R)



## Louis T. McFadden

(1876-1936) U.S. Rep., Pennsylvania (R)

“Mr. Chairman, when the Fed was passed, the people of these United States did not perceive that a world system was being set up here... and that this country was to supply the financial power to an international superstate.”

*Speech on the House Floor—June 10, 1932*



William E. Jenner

(1908-1985) U.S. Senator, Indiana (R)

“Today the path to total dictatorship in the United States can be laid by strictly legal means, unseen and unheard by the Congress, the President, or the people. Outwardly, we have a Constitutional government. We have something within our government... representing another form of government...”



**William E. Jenner**

(1908-1985) U.S. Senator, Indiana (R)

“...which believes our Constitution, is outmoded and is sure that it is the winning side... All the strange developments in foreign policy agreements may be traced to this group who are going to make us over to suit their pleasure.”

*Speech on the Senate floor—February 23, 1954*



“Now I tell you it is time the people of the United States were waking up with the understanding that if they don’t save the Constitution from the dangers that threaten it, we *will* have a change of government.”

*General Conference—April 1950*

**Joseph Fielding Smith**  
(1876-1972) Quorum of Twelve Apostles





H. G. Wells

(1866-1946) Socialist writer

“It is the system of nationalist individualism that has to go... We are living in the end of the sovereign states. In the great struggle to evoke World Socialism, contemporary governments may vanish.”

*New World Order—1940*



“The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is the American Branch of a society which originated in England... [it] believes national boundaries should be obliterated and one-world rule established.”

*Tragedy and Hope, A History of the World in Our Time, p. 951 —1966*

**Dr. Carroll Quigley**

(1910-1977) Professor Georgetown University



## Heber J. Grant

(1856-1945) President LDS Church

“We condemn the outcome which wicked and designing men are now planning, namely: the worldwide establishment and perpetuation of some form of Communism on the one side, or of some form of Nazism [national socialism] or Fascism on the other.”

*General Conference—October 1942*



John R. Rarick

(b. 1924) U.S. Representative, Louisiana (D)

“The Council on Foreign Relations... uses individuals and groups... to justify the high level decisions for converting the U.S. from a sovereign Constitutional Republic into a servile member state of a one-world dictatorship.”

*From a speech on the House Floor—1971*



**Zbigniew Brzezinski**  
(b. 1928) CFR Board of Directors

“Marxism represents a further vital and creative stage in the maturing of man’s universal vision... The nation-state is gradually yielding its sovereignty... More intensive efforts to shape a new world monetary structure will have to be undertaken.”

*Between Two Ages: America’s Role in the Technetronic Era—1970*



“The nation-state is becoming less and less competent to perform its international political tasks...These are some of the reasons pressing us to lead vigorously toward the true building of a new world order.”

*From a speech at Harvard University—1962*

**Nelson Rockefeller**

(1908-1979) Governor of New York (CFR)



David Rockefeller

(b. 1915) Chairman Chase Bank and CFR

“Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as internationalists...”



## David Rockefeller

(b. 1915) Chairman Chase Bank and CFR

...and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure—one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.”

*David Rockefeller: Memoirs, pp. 404-405—2002*





## John F. Kennedy

(1917-1963) 35th President of the U.S.

“The very word ‘secrecy’ is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings.”

*Address before the American Newspaper Publishers Association—April 27, 1961*



Jesse Helms

(b. 1921) U.S. Senator, North Carolina (R)

“A careful examination of what is happening behind the scenes reveals that all of these interests are working in concert with the masters of the Kremlin in order to create what some refer to as a New World Order...”



## Jesse Helms

(b. 1921) U.S. Senator, North Carolina (R)

...Private organizations such as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the Trilateral Commission... serve to disseminate and to coordinate the plans for this so-called new world order.”

*Speech on the Senate floor—1987*



“In fact, this network, which we may identify as the Round Table Groups, has no aversion to cooperating with the Communists, or any other groups, and frequently does so.”

*Tragedy and Hope, A History of the World in Our Time p. 950—1966*

**Dr. Carroll Quigley**

(1910-1977) Professor Georgetown University



Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

(1918-?) Russian Author

“There also exists another alliance—at first glance a strange one... the alliance between our Communist leaders and your capitalists. This alliance is not new... We observe continuous and steady support by the businessmen of the West of the Soviet Communist leaders.”

*Speech at the Washington D.C. Hilton—  
June 30, 1975*



“David Rockefeller, President of Chase Manhattan Bank, briefed President Johnson today on his recent meeting with Premier Nikita Khrushchev of Russia.”

*Chicago Tribune, p. 6—September 10, 1964*

Chicago Tribune



**Dr. Bella Dodd**

(1904- ?) U.S. Communist Party leader

“What now became clear to me was the collusion of these two forces: the Communists with their timetable for world control, and certain mercenary forces in the free world bent on making profits from blood.”

*Out of Darkness*, p. 229—1954

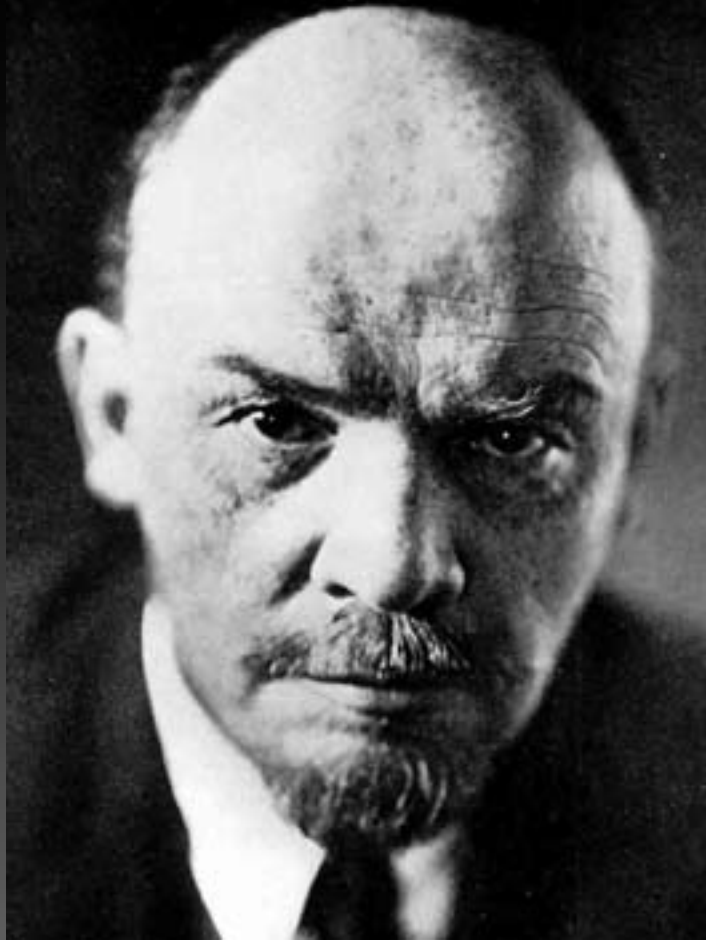


Oswald Spengler  
(1880-1936) German Historian

“There is no proletarian, not even a communist movement, that has not operated in the interests of money, in the direction indicated by money, and for the time being permitted by money—and that without the idealists among its leaders having the slightest suspicion of the fact.”

*Decline of the West—1919*





Vladimir Ilich Lenin

(1870-1924) Dictator USSR

“They [capitalists] will furnish credits which will serve us for the support of the Communist Party in their countries.”

*Remembrances of Lenin, p. 147—1961*



Nikita S. Khrushchev

(1894-1971) USSR Premier

“If anyone believes that our smiles involve abandonment of the teaching of Marx, Engels and Lenin he deceives himself poorly. Those who wait for that must wait until a shrimp learns to whistle.”

*Speech in Moscow as reported by The New York Times, p. 19—September 18, 1955*



## Mikhail Gorbachev

(b. 1931) Secretary General Communist Party

“I am a Communist, a convinced Communist! For some that may be a fantasy. But to me it is my main goal.”

*New York Times*, p. 19—December 26, 1989

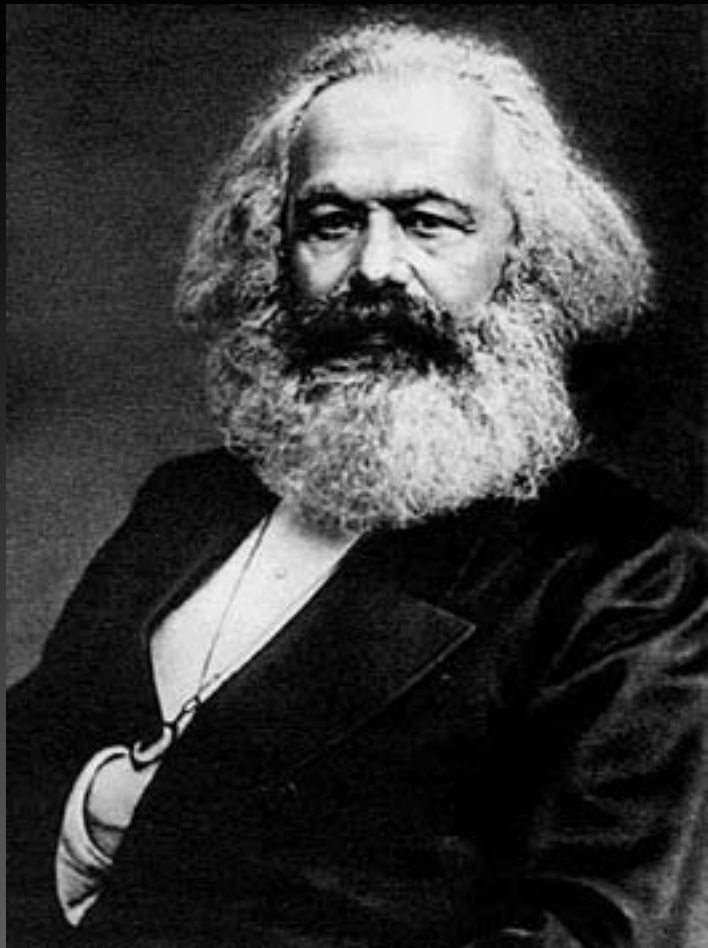


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(b. 1931) Secretary General Communist Party

“Those who hope that we shall move away from the socialist path will be greatly disappointed. Every part of our program of perestroika... is fully based on the principle of more socialism.”

*Perestroika: New Thinking for Our Country and the World—1988*



“Nothing has changed in Russia’s policy... Her methods, her tactics, her maneuvers may change, but the pole star—world domination—is immutable.”

*Speech delivered in London—January 22, 1867  
(volume 3 of The Karl Marx Library)*

**Karl Marx**

(1818–1883) German Philosopher



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(b. 1931) Secretary General Communist Party

“We are moving toward a new world, the world of Communism. We shall never turn off that road.”

*Speech at the 70th Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution—October 1987*



“Ultimately, our objective is to welcome the Soviet Union back into the world order. Perhaps the world order of the future will truly be a family of nations.”

*Speech at Texas A&M University—May 12, 1989*

**George H.W. Bush**

(b. 1924) 41st President of the U.S.



“We must establish a new world order based on justice, on equity, and on peace.”

*Addresses to delegates of the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York—1979*

**Fidel Castro**

(b. 1926) Communist Dictator of Cuba





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(b. 1931) Secretary General Communist Party

“A new world order is taking shape so fast that governments as well as private citizens find it difficult just to absorb the gallop of events.”

*Washington Post*—February 25, 1990



## George H.W. Bush

(b. 1924) 41st President of the U.S.

“Out of these troubled times, our fifth objective—a new world order—can emerge... We are now in sight of a United Nations that performs as envisioned by its founders.”

*Address to the Nation—September 11, 1990*



J. Reuben Clark, Jr.  
(1871-1961) First Presidency

“The [UN] Charter is built to prepare for war, not promote peace...The Charter is a war document not a peace document.”

*Prophets, Principles, and National Survival,*  
p. 458—1964



David O. McKay  
(1873-1970) First Presidency

“Not through communistic theories... will the turbulence of national ills be quieted. Unless the spirit of Christianity permeate the deliberations of the United Nations, dire tragedies await humanity.”

*General Conference—October 1947*



## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“The United Nations concept is one of unlimited government power with virtually no meaningful restraints to protect individual liberty.”

*An Enemy Hath Done This*, p. 204—1969



“The time has come to recognize the United Nations for the anti-American, anti-freedom organization that it has become.”

*Speech on the Senate floor—1971*

**Barry Goldwater**

(1909-1998) U.S. Senator, Arizona (R)



“I am appalled at the extensive evidence indicating that there is today in the UN... the greatest concentration of communists that this Committee has ever encountered.”

*Senate UN investigative hearings, Congressional Record—1951*

**James O. Eastland**

(1904-1986) U.S. Senator, Mississippi (D)



## Herbert Hoover

(1874-1964) 31st President of the U.S.

“Unless the U.N. is completely reorganized without the Communist nations in it, we should get out of it.”

*Quoted by Representative James B. Utt,  
Congressional Record—January 15, 1962*





## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“Let us have no blind devotion to the communist-dominated United Nations.”

*BYU Speeches of the Year—December 10, 1963*



“The slaves of Statism must know no power, no authority, no source of blessing, no God, but the State.”

*Deseret News—September 25, 1949*

**J. Reuben Clark, Jr.**  
(1871-1961) First Presidency



“The free agency of Americans has been greatly abridged. Some argue that we have voluntarily surrendered this power to government. Be this as it may, the fact remains that the loss of freedom with the consent of the enslaved, or even at their request, is nonetheless slavery.”

*BYU Speeches of the Year—March 1, 1966*

**Marion G. Romney**

(1897-1988) Quorum of Twelve Apostles



Joseph Smith  
(1805-1844) Prophet of God

“We believe that no government can exist in peace, except such laws are framed and held inviolate as will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, the right and control of property, and the protection of life.”

*Doctrine and Covenants 134:2—  
August 17, 1835*



A. M. Rosenthal

(1922-2006) Editor New York Times

“Religious and political mavericks in the totalitarian partners of the new world order get prison, or death, often both.”

*The New World Order—May 5, 1998*



**Mikhail Gorbachev**

(b. 1931) Secretary General Communist Party

“Cosmos is my God. Nature is my God...The future society will be a totally new civilization which will synthesize the experience of Socialism and Capitalism.”

*Interview on the Charlie Rose Show—  
October 23, 1996*



## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“No true Latter-day Saint and no true American can be a socialist or a communist or support programs leading in that direction. These evil philosophies are incompatible with Mormonism, the true gospel of Jesus Christ.”

*General Conference—October 1961*



## George H.W. Bush

(b. 1924) 41st President of the U.S.

“When we are successful, and we will be, we have a real chance at this new world order, an order in which a credible United Nations can use its peacekeeping role to fulfill the promise and vision of the UN’s founders.”

*State of the Union Address—January 1991*





Arthur Schlesinger, Jr  
(b. 1917) American Historian (CFR)

“In defense of the world Order, U.S. soldiers would have to kill and die... We are not going to achieve a New World Order without paying for it in blood, as well as in words and money.”

*In “Back to the Womb”, Foreign Affairs— July/ August 1993 issue*



## James Madison

(1751-1836) 4th President of the U.S.

“Of all the enemies of public liberty, war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded.”

*Political observations,—April 20, 1775.  
(W.T. Hutchinson et al., The Papers of James Madison, volume 15, p. 518; 1962-1991).*



“If the opposition disarms, all is well and good. If it refuses to disarm, we shall disarm it ourselves.”

*The Political Report of the Central Committee—  
December 7, 1927*

Joseph Stalin

(1878-1953) Secretary General Communist Party



## John F. Kennedy

(1917-1963) 35th President of the U.S.

“There is very grave danger that an announced need for increased security will be seized upon by those anxious to expand its meaning to the very limits.”

*Address before the American Newspaper Publishers Association—April 27, 1961*



## George W. Bush

(b. 1946) 43rd President of the U.S.

“Every nation in every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists.”

*Speech to the Nation—September 20, 2001*



## Herbert Hoover

(1874-1964) 31st President of the U.S.

“Every collectivist revolution rides in on a Trojan horse of ‘Emergency’. It was a tactic of Lenin, Hitler and Mussolini.”

*Memoirs: The Great Depression, 1929-1941,*  
p. 484—1951



“The art of leadership... consists in consolidating the attention of the people against a single adversary and taking care that nothing will split up that attention.”

*Mein Kampf*, volume 1, ch. 10—1925

## Adolph Hitler

(1889–1945) German Dictator



**Agnes E. Meyer**  
(1887-1970) Socialist Author

“Liberty-loving American people will sacrifice their freedom and their democratic principles if their security and their very lives are threatened.”

*Out of These Roots: Journey Through Chaos—  
1944*





George W. Bush

(b. 1946) 43rd President of the U.S.

“Thousands of trained killers are plotting to attack us, and this terrible knowledge requires us to act differently.”

*Televised speech to the Nation, announcing the formation of the Department of Homeland Security—June 6, 2002*



**William S. Cohen**

(b. 1940) U.S. Secretary of Defense (CFR)

“Americans soon may have to choose between civil liberties and more intrusive means of protection.”

*Army Times*—October 27, 1998



“In the war in heaven the devil advocated... security at the sacrifice of our freedom.”

*General Conference—October 1961*

**Ezra Taft Benson**

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles



“They who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security, deserve neither liberty or security.”

*Respectfully Quoted, p. 201*

**Benjamin Franklin**

(1706-1790) American Founding Father



“We can’t be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans.”

*USA Today—March 11, 1993*

**Bill Clinton**

(b. 1946) 42nd President of the U.S.



## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“Those who subscribe to this [totalitarian] philosophy stop at nothing to achieve their ends... force, trickery, lies, broken promises, mayhem, and individual and mass murder.”

*General Conference—October 1960*



“The great mass of people...  
will more easily fall victim to  
a big lie than to a small one.”

*Mein Kampf*, volume 1, chapter. 3—1925

**Adolph Hitler**

(1889–1945) German Dictator



George W. Bush

(b. 1946) 43rd President of the U.S.

“See, in my line of work you got to keep repeating things over and over and over again for the truth to sink in, to kind of catapult the propaganda.”

*White House Press Conference—May 24, 2005*





“We are in the midst of the greatest exhibition of propaganda that the world has ever seen.”

*General Conference—October 1941*

**J. Reuben Clark, Jr.**  
(1871-1961) First Presidency



David O. McKay  
(1873-1970) First Presidency

“Misrepresentation, false propoganda, innuendoes soon sprout into poisonous weeds, and before long the people find themselves victims of a pollution that has robbed them of their individual liberty and enslaved them to a group of political gangsters.”

*General Conference—April 1951*



## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“Their press and other propaganda media are therefore constantly selling the principles of centralized or federal control of farms, railroads, electric power, schools, steel, maritime shipping, and many other aspects of the economy—but always in the name of public welfare.”

*General Conference—October 1961*



## Hannah Arendt

(1906-1975) German Political Philosopher

“Only the mob and the elite can be attracted by the momentum of totalitarianism itself. The masses have to be won by propaganda.”

*The Origins of Totalitarianism, chapter 3—1951*



“I myself was to experience how easily one is taken in by a lying and censored press and radio in a totalitarian state... a steady diet over the years of falsifications and distortions made a certain impression on one’s mind and often misled it.”

*The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, pp. 247-248  
—1959

William L. Shirer

(1904-1993) Journalist and Historian

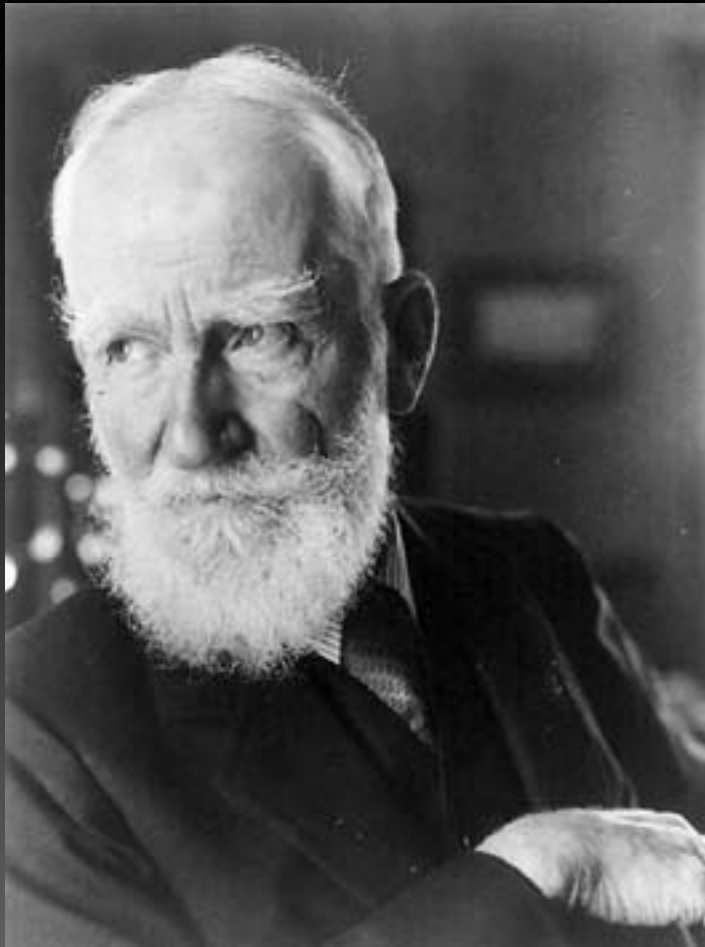


## Ernest Bevin

(1881-1951) British Foreign Minister

“A newspaper has three things to do. One is to amuse, another is to entertain and the rest is to mislead.”

*At London Conference of Foreign Ministers—  
February 10, 1946 (quoted in The Barnes Review,  
volume 5, no. 3, p. 29, May 1999)*



George Bernard Shaw

(1856-1950) Socialist Playwright

“As people get their opinions so largely from the newspapers they read... But the Press is not free, the newspapers are owned by rich men.”

*The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism, Capitalism, Sovietism and Fascism, chapter. 19—  
1949*



## Bernie Sanders

(b. 1941) U.S. Representative, Vermont (I)

“Whether it is television, radio, newspapers, magazines, books or the Internet, a few giant conglomerates are determining what we see, hear and read.”

*“Congress Can No Longer Ignore Corporate Control of the Media,” The Hill — June 12, 2002*





## Alistair Cooke

(1908-2004) British-American Journalist

“I believe Hollywood is the most effective and disastrous propaganda factory there has ever been in the history of human beings.”

*BYU Speeches of the Year—November 13, 1961*



**Bill Clinton**

(b. 1946) 42nd President of the U.S.

“Something terrible happened to us on September 11, and that gives us the right to interpret all future events in a way that everyone else in the world must agree with us.”

*WashingtonPost.com—April 16, 2003*



Ron Paul

(b. 1935) U.S. Representative, Texas (R)

“September 11th does not justify ignoring the Constitution by creating broad new federal police powers. The rule of law is worthless if we ignore it whenever crises occur.”

*Domestic Surveillance and the Patriot Act—  
December 26, 2005*



## George W. Bush

(b. 1946) 43rd President of the U.S.

“A dictatorship would be a heck of a lot easier, there’s no question about it.”

*Statement, Washington, DC—July 26, 2001  
(as quoted in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer;  
July 27, 2001)*



## Heber J. Grant

(1856-1945) President LDS Church

“The same political tenets and philosophies that have brought war and terror in other parts of the world are at work amongst us in America. The proponents thereof are seeking to undermine our own form of government and to set up instead one of the forms of dictatorship now flourishing in other lands.”

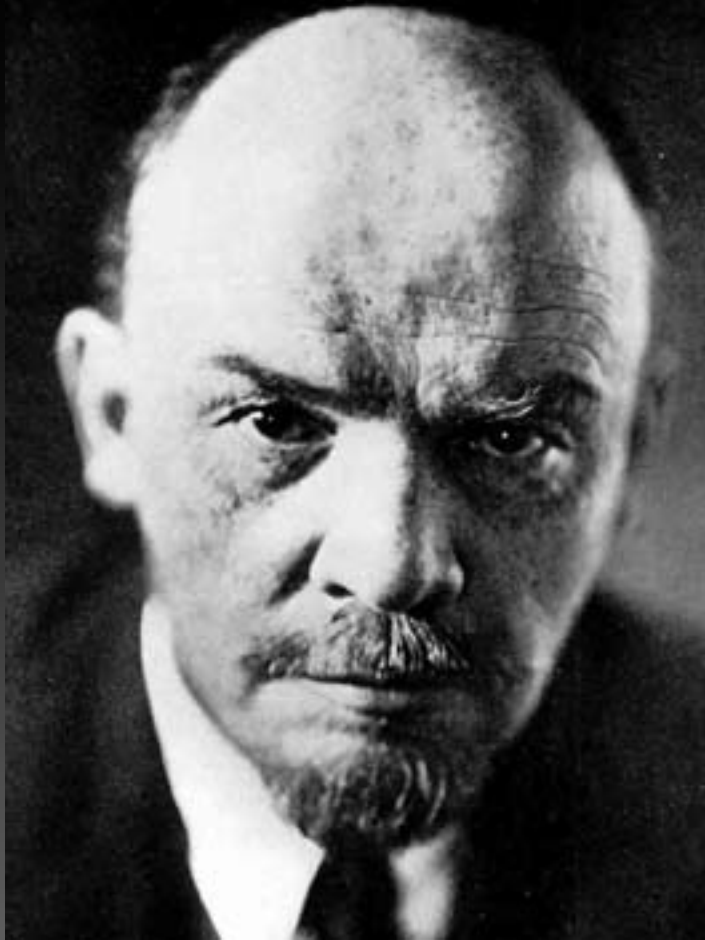
*General Conference—April 1942*



David O. McKay  
(1873-1970) First Presidency

“No member of this Church can be true to his faith, nor can any American be loyal to his trust, while lending aid, encouragement or sympathy to any of these false philosophies, for if he does they will prove snares to his feet.”

*General Conference—April 1966*



“We do not believe in eternal morality, and we expose all the fables about morality.”

*Selected Works, Volume 9, p. 478*

Vladimir Ilich Lenin  
(1870-1924) Dictator USSR



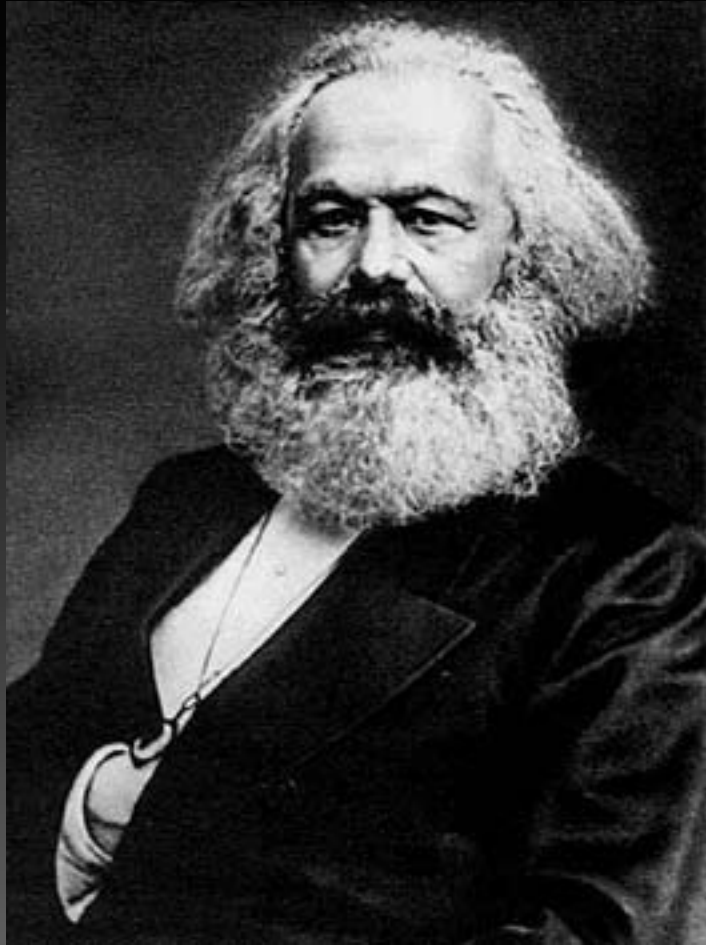
“We must win the common people in every corner. This will be obtained chiefly by means of the schools, and by open, hearty behaviour, show, condescension, popularity, and toleration of their prejudices, which we shall at leisure root out and dispel.”

*Proofs of a Conspiracy*, p. 111—1795

Adam Weishaupt

(1748-1830) Founder of the Illuminati





“The Communists have not invented the intervention of society in education; they do but seek to alter the character of that intervention.”

*Manifesto of the Communist Party—1848*

**Karl Marx**

(1818–1883) German Philosopher



## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“From the fifth grade through the fourth year of college, our young people are being indoctrinated with a Marxist philosophy, and I am fearful of the harvest.”

*The Greatest Work in the World,” Improvement Era, volume 70, p. 26— January 1967*

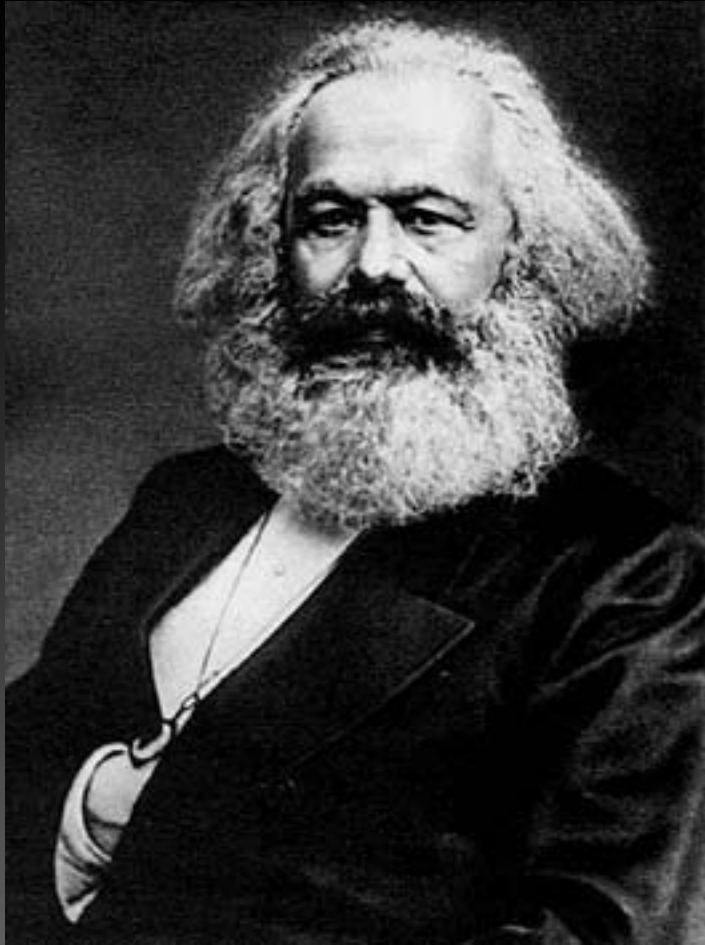


“Your child belongs to us already... What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time they will know nothing else but this new community.”

*Speech, November 6, 1933, in Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, p. 249*

## Adolph Hitler

(1889–1945) German Dictator

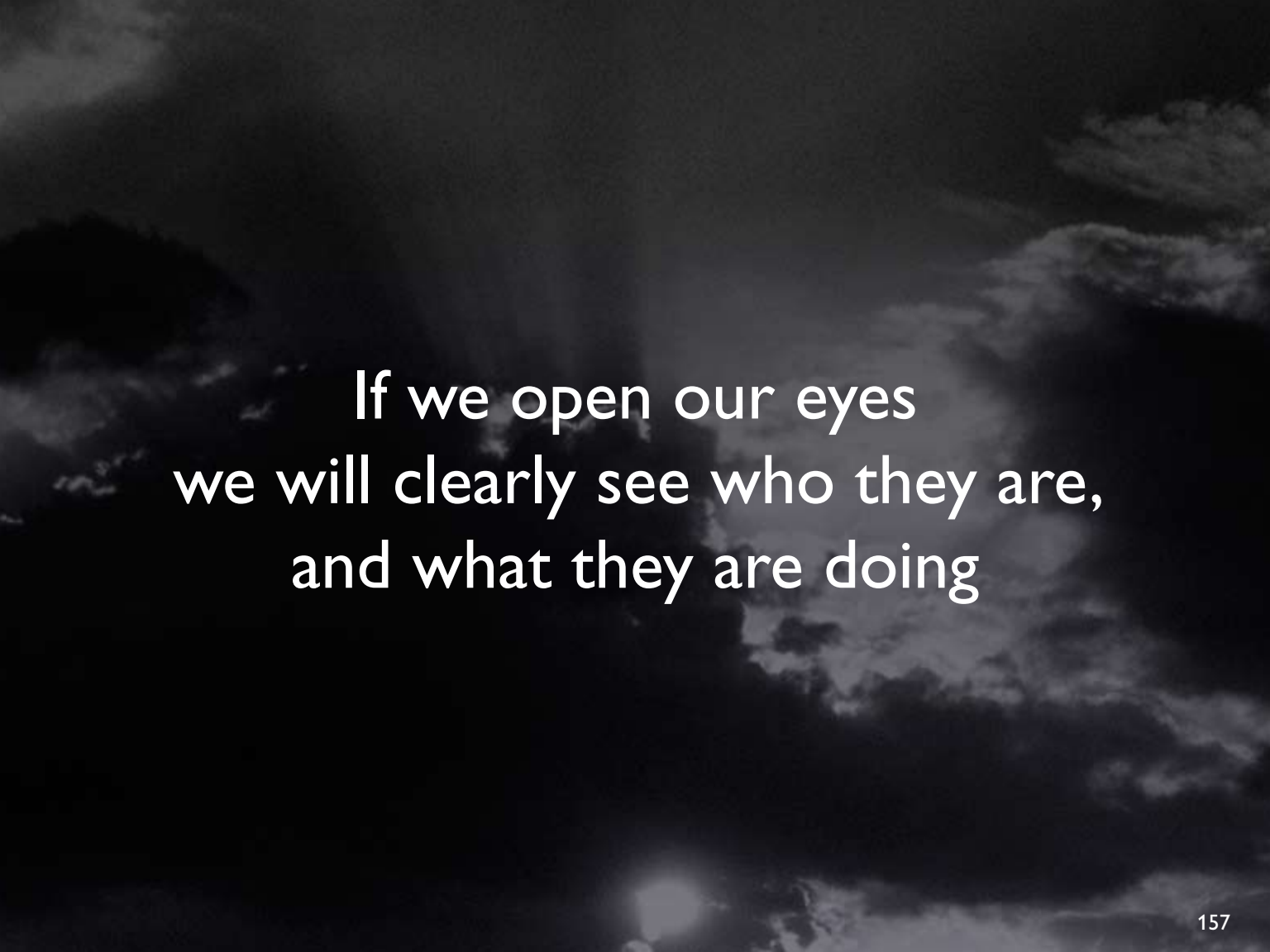


“Time is everything, man is nothing: he is at the most time’s carcass.”

*The Poverty of Philosophy, ch. 1, pt. 2—1847*

**Karl Marx**

(1818–1883) German Philosopher



If we open our eyes  
we will clearly see who they are,  
and what they are doing



It's what we do next that matters



## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“Our stand for freedom is a most basic part of our religion; this stand helped get us to this earth, and our reaction to freedom in this life will have eternal consequences. Man has many duties, but he has no excuse that can compensate for his loss of liberty.”

*General Conference—October 1979*



“I am convinced that the people generally of the United States have not studied [the Constitution]. Many of them have never read it, and some know nothing concerning what it is all about.”

*General Conference—April 1950*

**Joseph Fielding Smith**  
(1876-1972) Quorum of Twelve Apostles



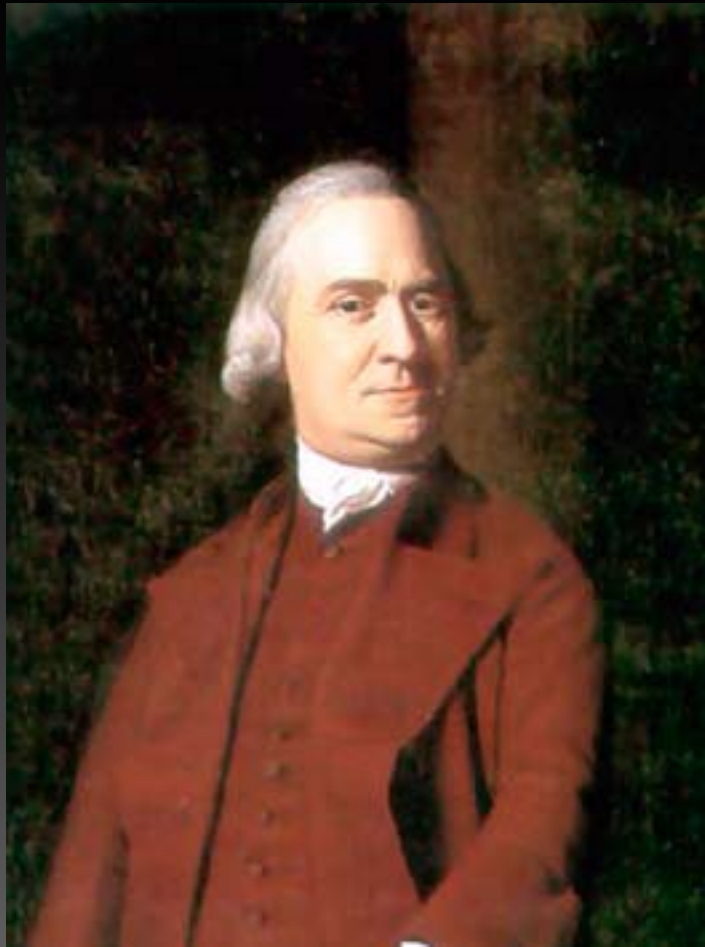


“The greatest security of the people, against the encroachments and usurpations of their superiors, is to keep the Spirit of Liberty constantly awake.”

*The Early Life, Correspondence and Writings of the Rt. Hon. Edmund Burke, p. 338*

Edmund Burke

(1729-1797) English Statesman



## Samuel Adams

(1722-1803) American Patriot

“If ever time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin.”

*Letter to James Warren—24 October 1780  
(The Writings of Samuel Adams, Volume 4)*



## Joseph Smith

(1805-1844) Prophet of God

“Come, all ye lovers of liberty, break the oppressor’s rod, loose the iron grasp of mobocracy, and bring the condign punishment to all those who trample under foot the glorious Constitution and the people’s rights.”

*Last speech to the Nauvoo Legion—June 1844  
(History of the Church 6:499)*



## Brigham Young

(1801-1877) President LDS Church

“I do not lift my voice against the great and glorious Government guaranteed to every citizen by the Constitution, but against those corrupt administrators who trample the Constitution and just laws under their feet.”

*Journal of Discourses—September 13, 1857*

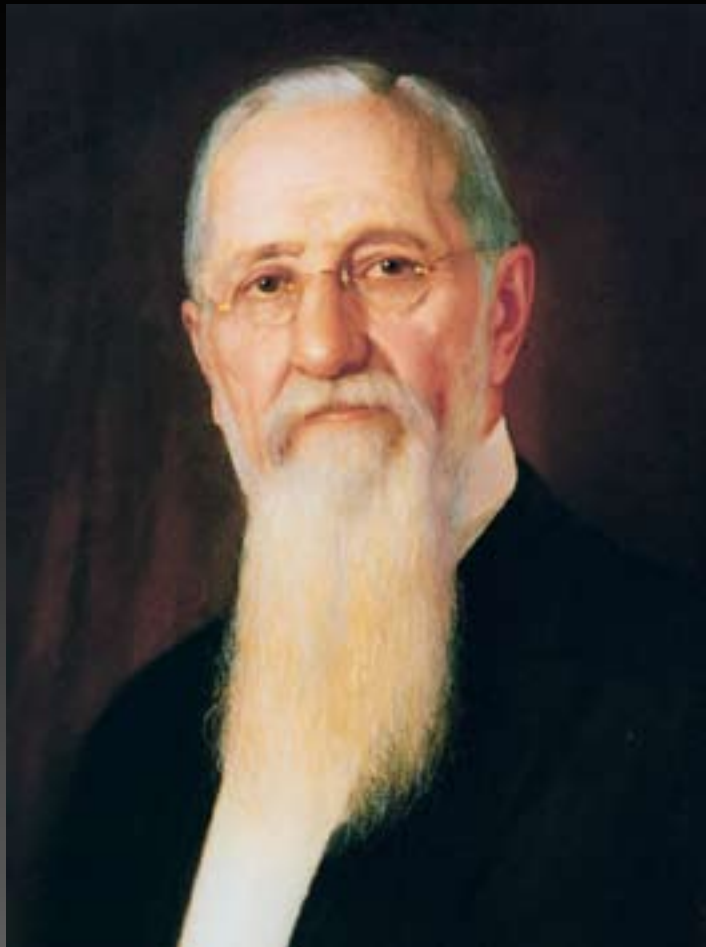


## John Taylor

(1808-1887) President LDS Church

“If our Constitution, our laws, and the fundamental principles of our Government are trampled under foot, it would seem high time that all honorable men should stand up in defense of liberty and the rights of men.”

*“Ecclesiastical Control in Utah” (The John Taylor Papers: Records of the Last Utah Pioneer 2:300)*



“We should stand with a front like flint against every spirit or species of contempt or disrespect for the Constitution of our country and the constitutional laws of our land.”

*General Conference—October 1912*

**Joseph F. Smith**

(1838-1918) President of LDS Church



“The only way to keep our freedom is to work at it. Not some of us. All of us. Not some of the time, but all of the time.”

*Speech at Salt Lake Rotary Club—June 8, 1976  
(Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, p. 405)*

**Spencer W. Kimball**

(1895-1985) President LDS Church



“Therefore, as against the tyranny and despotism of Totalitarianism and Dictatorships, let us willingly and heroically defend the Constitution of this land.”

*Church News, p. 4—July 18, 1942*

David O. McKay  
(1873-1970) First Presidency



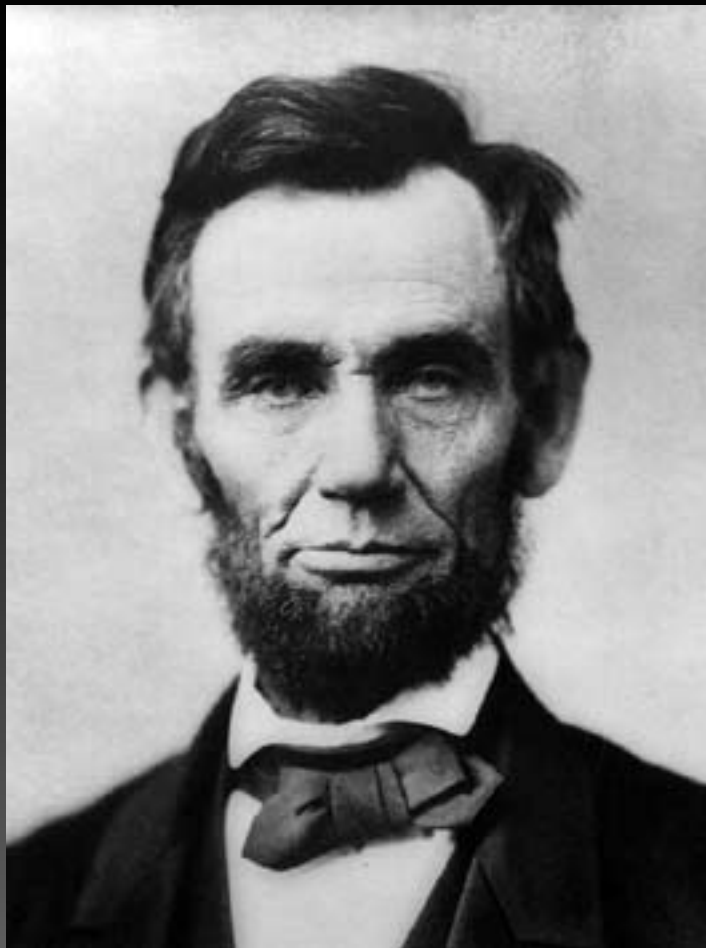


## Ezra Taft Benson

(1899-1994) Quorum of Twelve Apostles

“If America is destroyed, it may be by Americans who salute the flag, sing the national anthem, march in patriotic parades... but Americans who fail to comprehend what is required to keep our country strong and free—Americans who have been lulled away into a false security.”

*General Conference—April 1968*

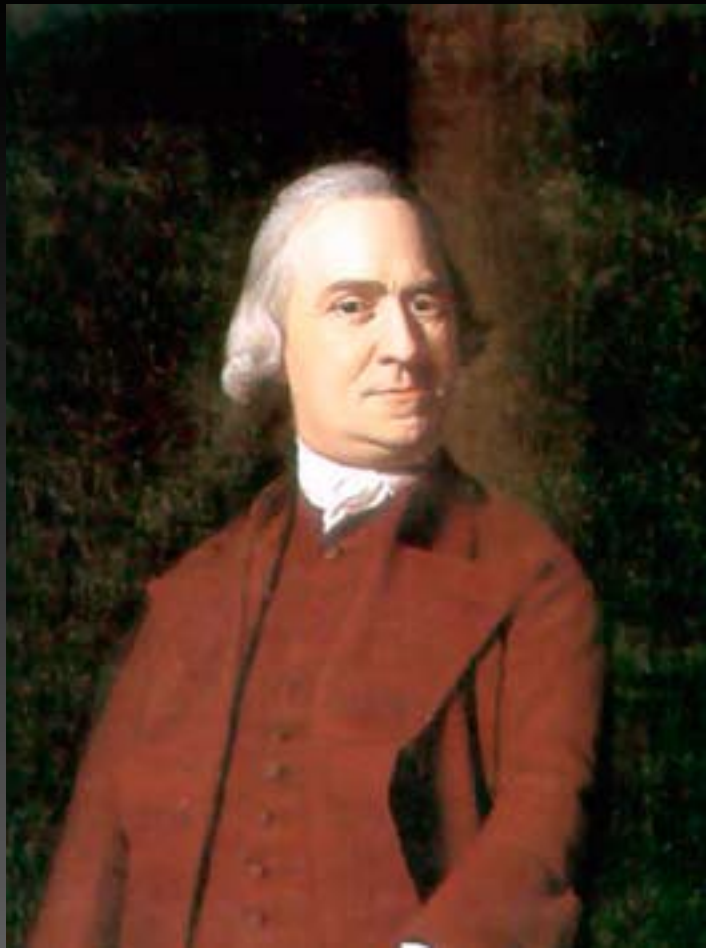


## Abraham Lincoln

(1809-1865) 16th President of the U.S.

“If destruction be our lot,  
we must ourselves be its  
author and finisher; as a  
nation of freemen, we must  
live through all time or die  
by suicide.”

*Speech Springfield, Illinois—January 27, 1837*  
(*Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, Volume 1,*  
ed. Roy P. Basler; 1953)



Samuel Adams

(1722-1803) American Patriot

“If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animated contest of freedom — go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen!”

*Speech, State House of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia—August 1, 1776*

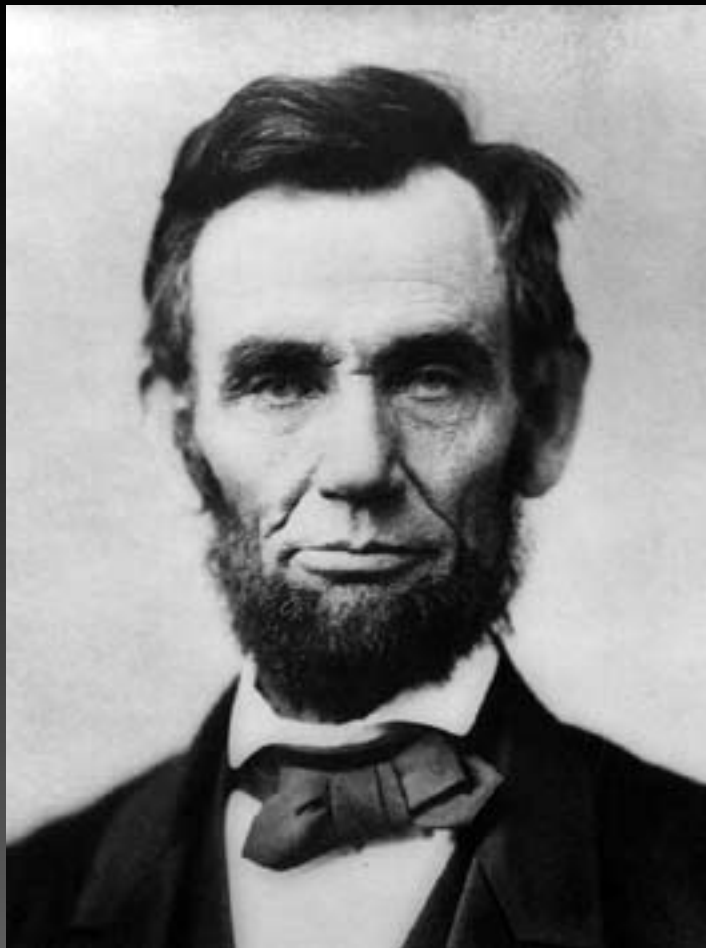


## Thomas Jefferson

(1743-1826) 3rd President of the U.S.

“The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.”

*Letter to William Stephens Smith—November 13, 1787 (The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, ed. Julian P. Boyd, volume 12, p. 356, 1955).*



## Abraham Lincoln

(1809-1865) 16th President of the U.S.

“The people are the rightful masters of both congresses, and courts—not to overthrow the constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it.”

*Speech at Cincinnati, Ohio—September 17, 1859 (Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, Volume 3, p. 435)*



“The time is now near at hand which must probably determine, whether Americans are to be Freemen, or Slaves.”

*General orders—July 2, 1776 (The Writings of George Washington, ed. John C. Fitzpatrick, volume 5, p. 211; 1932)*

George Washington

(1732-1799) 1st President of the U.S.



## Patrick Henry

(1736-1799) American Patriot

“Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!”

*Speech Virginia House of Delegates—  
March 23, 1775*

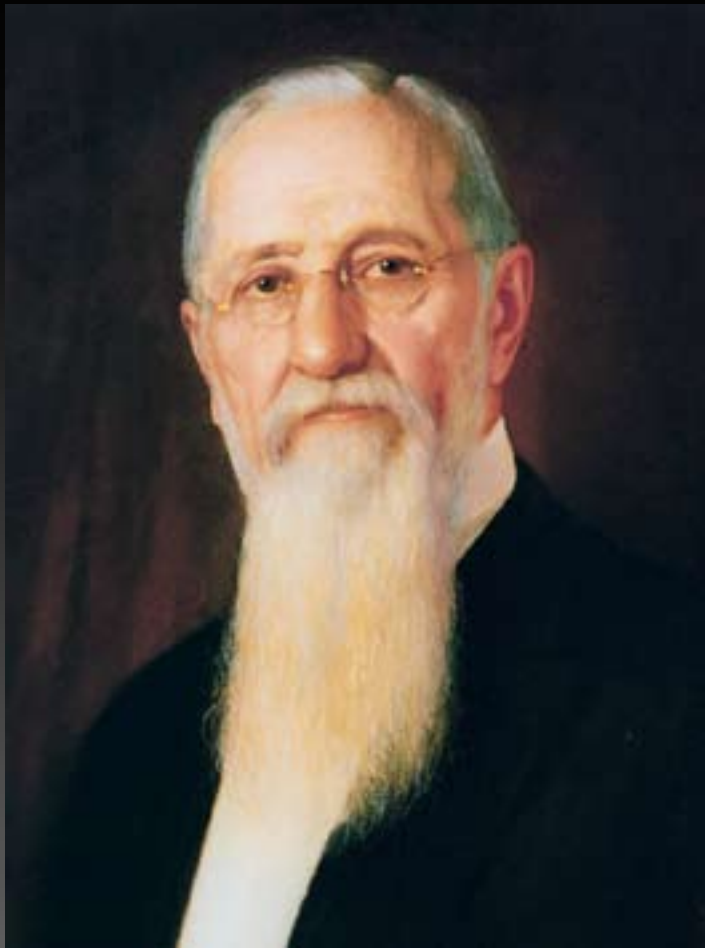


“In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children.”

*Alma 46:12*

**Captain Moroni**  
(c. 73 BC) American Patriot





## Joseph F. Smith

(1838-1918) President of LDS Church

“May [God] deliver us from secret combinations, and from the snares that are set to entrap our feet.”

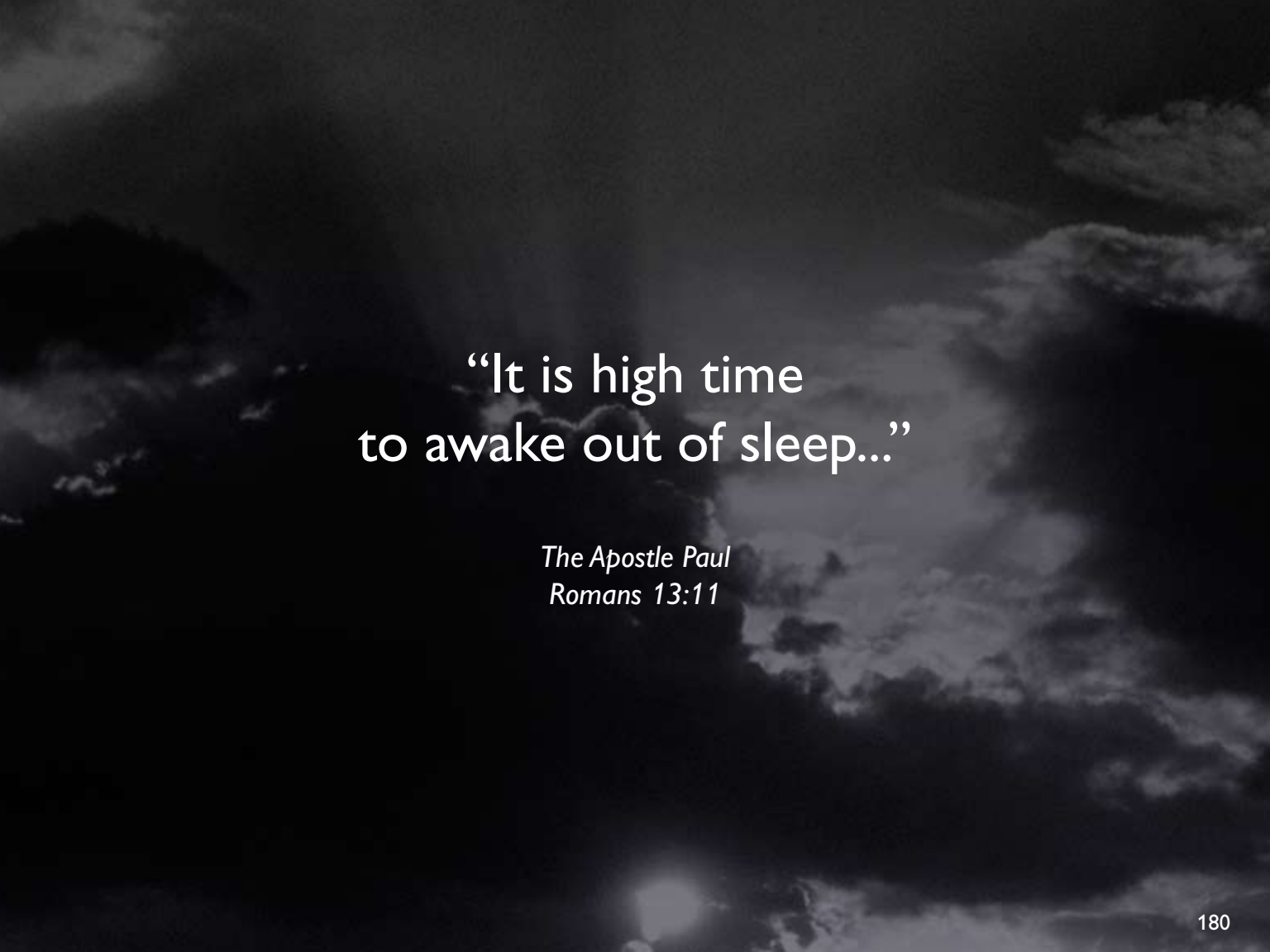
*General Conference—April 1901*

“Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you,  
when ye shall **see** these things come among you  
that ye shall **awake** to a sense of  
your awful situation,  
because of this secret combination  
which **shall** be among you.”

*The Prophet Moroni  
Ether 8:23-24*

“A secret combination that seeks to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries is increasing its evil influence and control over America and the entire world.”

*President Ezra Taft Benson  
General Conference—October 2, 1988*



“It is high time  
to awake out of sleep..”

*The Apostle Paul  
Romans 13:11*

# Suggested reading

## **Constitutional Studies**

- *The Declaration of the United States*, 1776
- *The Constitution of the United States*, 1787
- *The Bill of Rights, First Ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution*, 1791
- *The Making of America*, by W. Cleon Skousen, The National Center for Constitutional Studies, 1985
- *The Elders of Israel and the Constitution*, by Jerome Horowitz, Parliament Publishers, Salt Lake City, 1970

## **Communism (a.k.a. Social Democracy) and Marxism**

- *The Naked Communist*, by W. Cleon Skousen: The Reviewer, Salt Lake City, 1958, 11th ed. 1962  
(recommended by President David O. McKay in General Conference October 1959)
- *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, by Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels, 1848, updated English edition, 1888
- *New Lies for Old: The Communist Strategy of Deception and Disinformation*, by Anatoliy Golitsyn, 1984
- *The Perestroika Deception: Memoranda to the Central Intelligence Agency*, by Anatoliy Golitsyn, 1998

## **Globalistic Capitalism and New World Order**

- *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*, by Gary Allen, Concord Press, Seal Beach, California, 1971 (recommended by Elder Ezra Taft Benson in General Conference April 1972)
- *The Naked Capitalist*, by W. Cleon Skousen, The Reviewer, Salt Lake City, 1970
- *The Shadows of Power: The Council on Foreign Relations and the American Decline*, by James Perloff, Western Islands Publishers, Appleton, Wisconsin, 1988
- *The Great and Abominable Church of the Devil*, by H. Verlan Andersen, SunRise Publishers, 1972

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