

FOUNDATION OF THE GOSPEL

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Satan is making war against all the wisdom that has come to men through their ages of experience. He is seeking to overturn and destroy the very foundations upon which society, government, and religion rest. He plans to destroy liberty and freedom--economic, political, and religious, and to set up in place thereof the greatest, most widespread, and most complete tyranny that has ever oppressed man. He is working under such perfect disguise that many do not recognize either him or his methods. The people are being urged down paths that lead only to destruction. Satan never before had so fine a grip on this generation as he has now.

First Presidency CR 1942 p. 13

The crucial question is, "has our nation upheld communism so that it could get power and gain?" And the tragic answer is, "Yes". And so, unless we as a people can soon stop and reverse the disastrous course we are taking, communism would be insignificant in our country and the world today were it not for the consistent and persistent help which it is continuing to receive from right within our own government. Let the government of the United States stop helping communism and communists all over the world, and in a short period of time the CONSPIRACY would be in retreat and in due time would collapse. But we extend the advantage of diplomatic recognition to their puppets when they come to power. We send them billions in foreign aid. We've trained their pilots. We ship them wheat. Through cultural and other exchanges their spies come to America. We supply them know-how. We extend them credit. We buy their goods. Their propaganda goes through our mails at our expense. We've helped them in their conquests through secret agreements. Our government does all it can to keep the anticommunists from coming to power in any country. **IT IS A CONDITION THAT CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO EXIST!** Americans are destroying America! God grant that we may **REPENT, STUDY THE BOOK OF MORMON** (because it exposes the enemy), **FOLLOW THE PROPHET**, do our homework and **WAKE UP** in time to reverse the tragic course we are following.

Pres. Ezra T. Benson May 68 BYU

In a world where radical and seditious voices have proposed schemes and panaceas... which, in many instances, contradict the fundamentals upon which the American Nation has been founded, his (pres. Benson) has been an honest, forthright, and statesmanlike declaration of policies, although not always politically popular...His voice in public service and in his Church calling is as the voice of the Trumpet giving always "THE CERTAIN SOUND" to prepare ALL WHO WOULD LISTEN for "the battle" of life.

Pres. Harold B. Lee

Ye elders of Israel, will some of you draw the line of demarcation, between the spiritual and temporal in the Kingdom of God, so that I may understand it? Not one of you can do it. I defy any man on earth to point out the path a Prophet of God should walk in, or point out his duty, and just how far he must go, in dictating temporal or spiritual things. Temporal and spiritual things are inseparably connected, and ever will be.

Pres. Brigham Young JD 10:363

In time as serious as these, we must not permit fear of criticism to keep us from doing our duty, even at the risk of our counsel being tabbed as political, as government becomes more and more entwined in our daily lives. In the crisis through which we are now passing, WE HAVE BEEN FULLY WARNED. There are some of us who do not want to hear the message. It embarrasses us. The things which are threatening our lives, our welfare, our freedoms are the very things some of us have been condoning. Many do not want to be disturbed as they continue to enjoy their COMFORTABLE COMPLACENCY. There can be no NEUTRAUTY! We are, or we are not, on the side of the Lord!

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 73

And now as the last neutralizer that the devil used most effectively--it is simply this: "Don't do anything in the fight for freedom until the Church sets up its own specific program to save the Constitution." This brings us right back to the scripture of those slothful servants who will not do anything until they are "compelled in all things." Maybe the Lord will never set up a specific Church program for the purpose of saving the Constitution. Perhaps if he set up one at this time it might split the Church asunder, and perhaps he does not want that to happen yet, for not all the wheat and tares are fully ripe. The Prophet Joseph Smith declared it will be the elders of Israel who will step forward to help save the Constitution, NOT THE CHURCH!

Pres. Ezra T. Benson - CR April 65

In general conference, Pres. McKay said, "Efforts are being made to deprive man of his free agency--to steal from the individual his liberty...there has been an alarming increase in the abandoning of the ideals that constitute the foundation of the Constitution. There should be no question in the mind of any TRUE Latter-day Saint as to "WHAT WE SHALL PREACH." Then President McKay lists the areas our preaching should cover and admonishes us to include in our preaching what governments should or should not do in the interest of the preservation of freedom. DO WE PREACH WHAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT DO AS A PART OF THE GOSPEL PLAN, OR DO WE REFUSE TO FOLLOW THE PROPHET BY PREACHING A LIMITED GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION? The fight for freedom cannot be divorced from the gospel or the plan of salvation. Can we name any other gospel theme that has received as much emphasis from the man who holds the keys, as has the theme of freedom? We do not need a prophet. We have one. What we need is a listening ear, a humble heart, and a soul that is pure enough to follow his inspired guidance.

Pres. Ezra T. Benson Oct 66 BYU

Our government with its liberty and free institutions will not long survive a government trained and supervised youth. Such a youth can be a revolutionary machine. The ravaging wolves are amongst us, from our own membership, and they, more than any others, are clothed in sheep's clothing because they wear the habiliments of the priesthood...we should be careful of them.

Pres. J. Reuben Clark Church News 6/15/40 & CR Apr 49

I warn you, unless we wake up soon and do something about THE CONSPIRACY, the communist-inspired civil rights riots of the past will pale into insignificance compared to the bloodshed and destruction that lie ahead in the near future.

Do not think the members of the Church shall escape. The Lord has assured us that the Church will still be here when he comes again. But has the Lord assured us that we can avoid fighting for freedom and still escape unscathed both temporally and spiritually? We could not escape the eternal consequences of our pre-existent position on freedom. What makes us think we can escape it here?

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson Oct 66 BYU

It is most unthinkable that any people would knowingly and willfully take on themselves the yoke of communist oppression. As a people who have known only liberty, we are inclined to feel, it cannot happen here. We have become lulled away into a false security. I say to you it can happen here. It is happening here. Our liberty is in danger. But we go blithely and gullibly on our way. Some of us fall for the Kremlin line as planned, and call patriots "EXTREMISTS" and accuse courageous liberty-loving citizens of "DIVIDING OUR PEOPLE." We must be vigilant! Let us unite! Let us join in our fight against the forces of ANTI-CHRIST!

Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 62

Satan is anxious to neutralize the inspired counsel of the Prophet and keep the priesthood off balance, ineffective and inert, using PERVERSE reasoning. For example, he will argue, "There is NO NEED TO GET INVOLVED in the fight for freedom--all you need to do is live the gospel." This is a contradiction, because we cannot fully live the gospel and not be involved in the fight for freedom. Our position on freedom helped get us to this earth and IT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE as to whether we get back home or not. The Book of Mormon also tells us of some of the perverse reasoning the devil will use in our day to keep the saints ignorant, complacent and asleep. "And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion: yea, Zion prospereth; all is well--and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell." Some argue, "there is no need to learn about communism (socialism) in order to avoid it," but this counsel can help keep our people in ignorance (priestcraft) and flies in the face of the inspired counsel of Pres. McKay who said: "I believe that only through a truly educated citizenry can the ideals that inspired the Founding Fathers of our nation be preserved and perpetuated. Teach the facts regarding communism as an enemy to God and to individual freedom."

"Just preach the gospel--that will stop communism" is another NEUTRALIZING ARGUMENT used by some. Did teaching the truth stop the war in heaven or convert Satan and his hosts? The Lord is letting the wheat and the tares mature before he FULLY PURGES THE CHURCH. He is testing you to see if you will be misled. The devil is trying to deceive the very elect. Unfortunately some men who do not honor their stewards may have an adverse effect on many people. Often the greater the man's responsibility the more good or evil he can accomplish. Have you counted the cost if our countrymen, and especially the body of the priesthood, continue to remain complacent, misled through some of our news media, deceived by some of our officials, and perverted by some of our educators?

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson Oct 66 BYU

You are not just a cog in the wheel of the state. To be such I think is the greatest danger in the world today, and I find some in our Church who rather favor that. They think the state is our protector (provider?) It isn't. The state as a servant, is here to protect you in your work, on your farm and in your business, and to see that justice is administered, and you have a right to that protection. The state has not anything that you do not give it. The government has no means but that which you give it, and we give it to the government so that it will protect each individual in his right. That is a fundamental principle of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pres. David O. McKay CN 11-28-51 PPNS pg. 117

I am for freedom and against slavery. I am for social progress and against Socialism. I am for a dynamic economy and against waste. I am for the private competitive market and against unnecessary government intervention. I am for private ownership and against governmental ownership and control of

the means of production and distribution. I am for national security; and against appeasement and capitulation to an obvious enemy.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson

There are different views among Socialists as to the manner in which this radical change is to be effected, but when pressed to a declaration of their intents, the declaration is made that when a sufficient number of adherents to Socialism is obtained, holding the voting power, a government is to be set up by this majority which will exercise compulsory force to dispossess property-owners...and the establishment of a tyranny greater than any form of oppression ever known to the world.

Pres. Heber J. Grant - Millennial Star P.697

This gigantic world-wide struggle, more and more takes on the form of a war to the death. We shall do well and wisely so to face and so to enter it. And we must ALL TAKE PART. Indeed, we all are taking part in that struggle, whether we will or not. Upon its final issue, liberty lives or dies. This earth-wide conflict has taken the form of seizing without compensation from the man who has, and giving to the man who has not; of taking from the worker the fruits of his work, and giving to the idler who does no work. It has from its very nature become an economic, uncompensated leveling downward, not upward, of the whole mass. That this result may in one country be reached by confiscatory taxation, and in another by direct seizure, is a mere matter of method. The result is the same. In some countries outright seizure and confiscation are already openly and shamelessly practiced. All is done in the name of the state, AS IF IT WERE DEITY--as if the State, not God, gives all. Even into the field of family relationship, which, next to man's relationship to God, is the most precious and dearest of all relationships, this modern State is thrusting its polluting hand. In some hands this new State is robbing the parents of the custody of their children, it is forbidding the parents to teach and admonish the children in the ways of righteous living; it is teaching the children that officers of State, not God, shall be looked to for a guide as to standards of life! Into the field of religion, the holy of holies of the soul of man, this modern world State also enters, to dethrone God and exalt the State into God's place. THIS IS THE ARCHEST TREASON OF THEM ALL! For man robbed of God becomes a brute. This sin must be felt, not told, for words cannot measure the height and breadth of this iniquity; nor can human mind encompass the punishment of those who shall commit this sin.

Pres. J. Rueben dark - 1938 Vital Speeches

Most of the major ills of the world have been caused by well-meaning people who ignored the principle of individual freedom, except as applied to themselves, and who were obsessed with fanatical zeal to improve the lot of mankind-in-the-mass through some pet formula of their own...The harm done by ordinary criminals murderers, gangsters, and thieves is negligible in comparison with the agony inflicted upon human beings by the professional "DO-GOODERS", who attempt to set themselves up as gods on earth and who would ruthlessly force their views on all others with the abiding assurance that the end justifies the means.

Ezra Taft Benson - Quoting Henry G. Weaver An Enemy Hath Done This p.140

What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; 'tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. (Thomas Paine) I intend to keep fighting. My personal attitude is one of resolution--NOT RESIGNATION. I urge all Americans to put their courage to the test. Be firm in our convictions that our cause is just. I urge all Americans to arouse themselves

and STAY AROUSED. We must not make any further concessions. There is much to be done. THE TIME IS SHORT. Let us begin--in earnest--NOW!

Ezra Taft Benson Feb '68 -The Proper Role of Government

We encourage every person and every group who is sincerely seeking to study Constitutional principles and awaken a sleeping and apathetic people to the alarming conditions that are rapidly advancing about us. We wish all of our citizens throughout the land were participating in some type of organized self-education in order that they could better appreciate what is happening and know what they can do about it.

Pres. David O. McKay - CR April 1966

Unless we as citizens of the nation forsake our sins, political and otherwise, and return to the fundamental principles of Christianity and of constitutional government, we will lose our political liberties, our free institutions, and will stand in JEOPARDY BEFORE GOD OF LOSING OUR EXALTATION.

Ezra Taft Benson CR Oct 79

The threat of communism is sinister, and its dangers are imminent. Hundreds of millions of our fellow beings are being relentlessly imbued with the satanic ideology that religion is nothing but a tranquilizing opiate. They seek to deprive men of physical, mental, and spiritual freedom while endowing the state with monstrous supremacy. This relentless indoctrination is but a continuation of the war that began when Satan's plan of force was rejected by the Father. We live in THE MOST DANGEROUS period of history. THE CHURCH IS THE MAIN BULWARK AGAINST COMMUNISM (SOCIALISM). The entire concept and philosophy of (socialism) is diametrically opposed to everything for which the Church stands. It destroys man's God-given free agency. 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.

Pres. Hugh B. Brown - CR Apr 63 & Imp. Era June 66

I cannot help but think that there is a direct relationship between the present evil trends and the very marked tendency of the people of our country to pass on to the state the responsibility for their moral and economic welfare. This trend to a welfare state in which people look to and worship government more than their God, is certain to sap the individual ambitions and moral fiber of our youth unless they are warned and rewarned of the consequences. 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. NONE of the doctrines of our Church give any sanction to the concept of a socialistic state.

Pres. David O. McKay Official Policy May 67

God has endowed men with certain inalienable rights and no legislature and no majority, HOWEVER GREAT, may morally limit or destroy these. The function of government is to protect life, liberty and property and anything more or less than this is USURPATION AND OPPRESSION.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr. 1968

Speaking out against immoral or unjust actions of political leaders has been the burden of prophets and disciples of God from time immemorial. THE IMMORAL AND UNJUST TRY TO SILENCE ANY WHO CARRY THE MESSAGE--anyone who will stand up and be counted. No matter whether they

label their bottle as liberalism progressivism, or social reform, I know the contents of the bottle is poison to this Republic and I'm going to call it poison. Their strategy is to focus on just one organization and make it so detestable and ugly in the public mind that they can hold it up as sort of a tar baby and then use it to smear all other individuals or groups in the same category. One of our most serious problems is the inferiority complex which people feel when they are not informed and organized. They dare not make a decision on these vital issues. They let other people think for them. They stumble around in the middle of the road to avoid being "controversial" and get hit by the traffic going both ways. In this mighty struggle each of you has a part. Every person on the earth today chose the right side during the war in heaven. Be on the right side now. **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.**

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy Hath Done This p. 30-45

The sad and shocking story of what has happened in America in recent years **MUST** be told. Our people **MUST** have the facts. There is safety in an informed public. There is real danger in a complacent, uninformed citizenry. This is our real danger today. Yes, the truth must be told even at the risk of destroying, in large measure, the influence of men who are widely respected and loved by the American people. The stakes are high. Freedom and **SURVIVAL IS THE ISSUE.** The war is more insidious, more devious, more devastating, and more satanical than any war in our history. This is a world-wide battle, between light and darkness, between freedom and slavery, between the spirit of Christianity and the spirit of the anti-Christ for the souls of men.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy Hath Done This pg. 91, 112

I say to you that the price of liberty is and always has been blood, human blood, and if our liberties are lost, we shall never regain them except at the price of blood. They must not be lost!

Pres. J. Rueben Clark CN 11-29-52 PPNS, pg. 71

The fight for freedom is God's fight. No matter what the temporary outcome; the Lord has endowed this matter of freedom with such **EVERLASTING REPERCUSSIONS**, that it sifted the spirits of men before this world in the Great War in heaven. And it seems today to be the **CENTRAL ISSUE** that is sifting those who are left in the world. No one can delegate his duty to preserve his freedom, for the price of liberty is (personal) eternal vigilance. You cannot effectively fight for freedom and not be attacked--we also should not expect the Lord to do for us what we can do for ourselves. The basic purpose of life is to prove ourselves--not to be with the majority when it is wrong. **PROVING OURSELVES MEANS SHOWING** whether or not we are going to stand up for freedom. Less spiritually advanced people have to be commanded in all things. Those who are spiritually alert look at the objectives, check the guidelines laid down by the Lord, and then prayerfully act without having to be commanded. This attitude prepares men for godhood. Sometimes the Lord waits on his children to act on their own, and when they do not, they lose the greater prize. The more He has to spell it out, the smaller is our reward. Should the Lord decide at this time to cleanse the Church--and the need for that cleansing seems to be increasing--a famine in this land of one year's duration could wipe out a large percent of slothful members, including some ward and stake officers. To be on the wrong side of the freedom issue in heaven meant **ETERNAL DAMNATION.** How then can Latter-day Saints expect to be on the wrong side in this life and escape eternal consequences? Will they heed the counsel of the prophet and preserve their freedom? Those who want to lead the quiet, retiring life but still expect to do their full duty can't have it both ways. This fight for freedom might never become popular in our day, and if you wait until everybody agrees in this Church, you will be waiting through the second coming! The Lord will not protect us unless we do our part. This **DEVILISH TACTIC** of persuading people **NOT TO GET**

CONCERNED because the Lord will protect them no matter what they do is exposed by the Book of Mormon. Today in this freedom struggle, many gentiles are showing greater wisdom in their generation than the children of Light. A good deal of the responsibility lies with the Priesthood of this Church as to what happens to America.

Pres. Ezra T; Benson CR Apr 65

Read all of D&C 123 regarding our responsibilities, especially:

Therefore, we should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness (footnote-Secret Combinations), wherein we know them; and they are truly manifest from heaven. These would then be attended to with great earnestness. **LET NO MAN COUNT THEM AS SMALL THINGS**; for there is much which lieth in futurity, pertaining to the saints, which depends upon these things. Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us cheerfully do all things that lie in our power; and then may we stand still, with the utmost assurance, to see the salvation of God, and for His ARM to be revealed.

D&C 123:13-17

Here is a struggle against the evil, satanical priestcraft of Lucifer. Today, the devil, as a wolf in sheep's clothing is enticing some people, both in and out of the Church, to parrot his line by advocating planned government guaranteed security programs at the expense of our liberties. Latter-Day Saints should be reminded how and why they voted as they did in heaven. If some have decided to change their vote, they should REPENT, throw their support on the side of freedom, and **CEASE PROMOTING THIS SUBVERSION**.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Sept 30, 1961

No true Latter-day Saint and no true American can be a socialist or a communist, or support programs leading in that direction.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson CR Oct 61

I say unto you that the enemy in the secret chambers seeketh your lives. Ye hear of wars in far countries, and you say that there will soon be great wars in far countries, but ye know not the hearts of men in your own land. I tell these things because of your prayers; Wherefore, treasure up wisdom in your bosoms, lest the wickedness of men reveal these things unto you by their wickedness, in a manner which shall speak in your ears with a voice louder than that which shall shake the earth; but if ye are prepared ye shall not fear. And that ye might escape the power of the enemy, and be gathered unto me a righteous people without spot and blameless.

D&C 38:28-31

Many well intentioned people are now convinced that we are living in a period of history which make it both possible and necessary to abandon our national sovereignty, to merge our nation with other nations and to form, at last, a world government (A NEW WORLD ORDER?) which supposedly would put an end to war. Such an evaluation is a shallow one.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy, pg. 156-157

The safety of our divinely inspired Constitutional government and the welfare of our Church **IMPERATIVELY DEMAND** that Communism (socialism) shall have no place in America.

First Presidency Official Statement Aug 1936 Imp. Era

There is no freedom under full socialism. Our fight is freedom vs. creeping socialism. A good measurement is to determine the amount, or percentage, of income of people which is taken over and spent by the state.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - An Enemy p. 255

The Church is warned against the secret combination which SHALL seek to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries.

22 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; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet he avenge them not.

23 Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, 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 --and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be.

24 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; or wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up.

25 For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents, ye even that same liar who hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning.

26 Wherefore, I, Moroni, am COMMANDED to write these things...

Ether 8:22-26

I testify that 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!

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson CR Oct 88

We again warn our people in America of the constantly increasing threat against our inspired Constitution and our free institutions set up under it. The same political tenants 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 dictatorships now flourishing in other lands. These revolutionists are using a technique that is as old as the human race,--a fervid but false solicitude for the unfortunate over whom they thus gain mastery, and then enslave them.

First Presidency Message April 6, 1942

There are some things of which I am sure, and that is, that contrary to the belief and mistaken ideas of some people, the United Order will not be a socialistic or Communistic setup.

Pres. Harold B. Lee - Stand Ye p.28

We must be righteous, we must learn the principles of the Constitution, we must become involved in civic affairs to see that we are properly represented, and we must make our influence FELT by our vote, our letters, our teaching, and our advice, and we must become accurately informed and then let others know how we feel. No American is WORTHY OF CITIZENSHIP in this great land who refuses to take an active interest in these matters.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Oct 87

There are two unrighteous ways to deal with prophetic warnings; you can fight them or you can ignore them. Either course will bring you disaster. To have been on the wrong side of the freedom issue during the war in heaven meant ETERNAL DAMNATION.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Apr 65

The Supreme Court misinterprets the true meaning of the first amendment, and are now leading this Christian nation down the road to atheism.

Pres. David O. McKay - Church News 6-22-63

Those who oppose all references to God in our public life have set themselves the task of rooting our facts, tributes, and symbols so ingrained in our nation that their elimination could only be interpreted as an official act of hostility toward religion. Our Constitutional law forbids that.

Pres. Spencer W. Kimball – 1979

The modern trend of the nations is towards dictatorship. It is taking form in two great camps, but, nevertheless, the direction is the same although it is being reached by different routes. On the one side the direction unto make an end of all nations, is through communism.

Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith

Since "peace" began in 1945, there has been more death, destruction, and human suffering than in all of the wars of history combined.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson

"He that does not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with a doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.

D&C 58:29

Reasons for the fall of Rome:

1. Undermining of the sanctity of the home.
2. Higher and Higher taxes for free bread and circuses for the people.
3. Mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming more & more exciting and brutal.
4. Building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was the decadence of the people.
5. Decay of religion-faith fading into mere form and becoming impotent to warn and guide the people.

Ezra Taft Benson quoting Edward Gibbons - CR Apr 73

We urge members of the Church and all Americans to begin NOW to reflect more intently on the meaning and importance of the Constitution and of adherence to its principles.

Pres. Harold B. Lee The First Presidency - Nov 73 Ensign

We call upon all Church members completely to eschew Communism. The safety of our divinely inspired Constitutional government and the welfare of our Church IMPERATIVELY DEMAND that Communism shall have no place in America.

The First Presidency -Imp. Era Aug 1931 & David O. McKay - Statements pg. 2

And for this purpose HAVE I ESTABLISHED the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood. Let not that which I have appointed be polluted by mine enemies, by the consent of those who call themselves after my name; for this is a very SORE AND GRIEVOUS SIN AGAINST ME, and against my people, in consequence of those things which I have decreed and which are soon to befall the nations.

Jesus the Christ - D&C 101 80, 97-98

The statement of the Lord, "I have established the Constitution" puts it in the position in which it would be if it were written in this D & C itself. This makes the Constitution the WORD OF THE LORD to us.

Pres. J. Rueben Clark CR Apr 35

Next to being one in worshipping god, THERE IS NOTHING in this world upon which the Church should be more united than in upholding and defending the Constitution.

Pres. David O. McKay - Instructor 1956 pg.94

We who hold the priesthood must beware concerning ourselves, that we do not fall into the traps that Satan lays to rob us of our freedom. We must be careful we are not led to accept or support in any way, any organization, or cause which would jeopardize free agency, whether it be in politics, government, religion, employment, education, or any other field. IT IS NOT ENOUGH for us to be sincere in what we support. We must be RIGHT.

Pres. Marion G. Romney CR Oct 60

The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time. If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be.

Pres. Thomas Jefferson

Let us instill into the hearts of our children the love of freedom. Teach them that to be free is as precious as life itself. Fight every influence--Socialist, communist, whatever it may be--that would deprive an American citizen of the liberty vouchsafed by the Constitution. Liberty is truth--in truth we find liberty. You teachers, feel it in your hearts; instill it into the hearts of these precious children. May the Church of Jesus Christ ever stand true to the ideals of freedom.

Pres. David O. McKay

There is a crisis situation in America today. There is first of all a spiritual crisis. In our quest for material things, we have forgotten God. There is a crisis for competent, honest, and moral leaders at all levels. There is an economic and political crisis, where our basic freedoms stand in jeopardy, because of a departure from fundamental principles. We must return to these basic principles.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - Four Pillars of a Moral Nation

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 PROPERTIES, and the protection of life.

D & C 134: 2

It is time that every member of the PRIESTHOOD becomes informed about the aims, tactics, and schemes of socialistic communism. This becomes particularly important when it is realized that communism is turning out to be the earthly image of THE PLAN WHICH SATAN PRESENTED IN THE PRE-EXISTENCE. THE WHOLE PROGRAM OF SOCIALISTIC COMMUNISM IS ESSENTIALLY A WAR AGAINST GOD AND THE PLAN OF SALVATION. Up to now, SOME members of the Church have stood aloof, feeling that the fight against socialistic communism is controversial and unrelated to the mission of the Church or the work of the Lord. The fight against atheistic communism is a major challenge to the Church and every member in it. It is the problem of our time. IT OVERSHADOWS ALL OTHER PROBLEMS. It is a very real part of the DUTY OF EVERY MAN who holds the priesthood. It is the fight against slavery, immorality, atheism, terrorism, cruelty, deceit, and the destruction of human life, through a kind of tyranny unsurpassed by anything in history.

Pres. Ezra Taft Benson - CR Sept 30, 1961

We are fast approaching that moment prophesied by Joseph Smith when he said ' Even this nation will be on the very verge of crumbling to pieces and tumbling to the ground, and when the constitution is upon the brink of ruin, this people will be the staff upon which the nation shall lean, and they shall bear the Constitution away from the very verge of destruction.' Are we reading the Constitution and pondering it? ARE WE TEACHING ITS PRINCIPLES TO OTHERS? Could we defend the Constitution? Do we know what the prophets have said about the Constitution and the threats to it? Have we studied the Federalist papers? IT IS OUR SACRED RESPONSIBIUTY TO SEE THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS PERPETUATED so that the Church may more easily flourish in the future. I revere the Constitution as a sacred document. To me it's words are akin to the revelations of God. I testify that God sent some of His choicest spirits to lay the foundations of the government, AND HE HAS NOW SENT OTHER CHOICE SPIRITS TO HELP PRESERVE IT!

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