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## ERRATA.

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Page 3, sixth line from bottom, read "Second Nephi, *eleventh* chapter," instead of "second chapter."

Page 24, second line from bottom, read "Be thou clothed *in robes*," etc.

Page 25, seventh line, first word, read "*lives*" instead of "lines."

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There is much quibbling and doubt among Christian churches throughout the land regarding secret societies. The question, "Are Secret Societies Right or Wrong," is one of vital importance.

That the vitals of this great nation are being eaten out, religiously and politically, there is no doubt, and we will proceed to show that all lodgery, secret associations, or secret combinations, beneficiary insurance societies, where none are admitted but members of the order, are the true church of the devil.

Second Nephi, sixth chapter, speaking of this day, looking down the stream of time and warning the people, says the devil transformeth himself nigh unto an angel of light, and stirreth men up to secret combinations of murder and all manner of secret works of darkness. Was there ever a time in the world's history when every letter in the alphabet from A to Z was taken into use by some secret society that tells the world "We feed your widow and orphan when you are dead and gone?" The devil is doing a mighty work in his transformed angel suit of clothes.

Dear reader, figures do not lie. Only one widow out of every hundred is fed by this great church of the devil. It is not the man who stays in the lodge who feeds that one-hundredth widow; it is the fellow who has been in the lodge five or six years and dropped out; some one else takes his place in this

great devil church, the first one finds *better* devil transformation where they give *more* money to his wife when he dies. Some one says those secret combinations Nephi has reference to are Gadianton robbers of that day. Please, tell us if there is any transformation nigh unto an angel of light. Did not the people call them Gadianton robbers? Mormon 1: 17 tells that the Gadiantons who were among the people began to infest the land and the people hid up their treasures in the earth, so you can see there is no devil transformation there. The same chapter states that the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the people, so we see the devil did not and could not fool them on that line at least, for they hid up their treasures.

Second Nephi, second chapter, speaking of what should be on this land when the Book of Mormon should be brought to light, says that there should be secret combinations even as in times of

old, and that the devil is the foundation of all these things, yea, the foundation of murder and works of darkness; yea, he leadeth them by the neck with a flaxen cord till he bindeth them with his strong cords forever. Now, let us see if Nephi knew what was going to happen in our day with this church of the devil and the people. Today the entered apprentice, before he enters the Masons, is hoodwinked, and a cable tow is put once around his neck; this cable tow is what Nephi calls a flaxen cord; it is a flaxen cord but the Masons call it tow instead of flax; the poor dupe is lead by one of the priesthood into the lodge room—what a striking resemblance of the lodge room in times of old—there, in the presence of Almighty God and worshipful lodge, dedicated to the holy Saint Johns, takes an oath with about three hundred and fifty words in it, binding himself under no less a penalty than having his throat

cut across, his tongue torn out by its roots, should he ever violate his entered apprentice obligation, then calls upon God to help him keep steadfast in the secret obligation or oath.

Now, turn to your Inspired Translation—Genesis, fifth chapter. The devil swore Cain by his throat. Dear reader, do they look alike? Some of the best men in our land are Masons; they make the claim that they bury their dead, send their dead brother's children to school and take care of his widow. This they do to a limited extent; that is where the transformation comes in. "But," says one, "I would not be a Mason, I belong to a little Woodman lodge; I have to; every one is a Woodman in this town; I could not get work if I were not, and then my family will get two thousand dollars when I die, and we have a good time; we get a poor dupe into the forest, tie him to a tree, burn him to a stake, or just play we

do, then we make the poor dupe believe we are going to saw him in two, then the real Woodman rescues him, then he takes the devil's oath with a glass object in his hand, and swears if he reveals the secrets of woodcraft, he may be dashed in pieces as the object he then casts from him.

My dear brother, is there any difference in having your throat cut across, and being dashed in pieces? Only a little milder devil transformation. "Well, we are not murderers, we did not kill Morgan like six hot headed Masons did, and we do not kill anybody." Two men meet on the street, they get into a row; one of them knifes the other to death; the evidence is given to you, one of the jurors; you find he killed this man in self-defence; while the man sits before you, you find out he is a member of your lodge. You are not sworn to protect a murderer, but you are sworn to help in times of dis-



tress, and the other fellow was only a common plug anyway, no account, but, poor fellow, he is dead, and this fellow living has a nice wife and fine children. So did the other fellow when he was living, now he is dead. When he was living his children were well clothed; now winter comes on; papa is gone, they are thinly clad and lack the actual necessities of life; as a result one of them dies. Now, dear brother, who murdered the child? Does not your prejudice in favor of your brother in the lodge govern your verdict largely? Why? Because you are duped by that devil, transformed nigh unto an angel of light, that stirreth men up to secret combinations of murder and all manner of secret works of darkness. "But," says a very pious member of the church, "I do not belong to any of the above societies; I am a member of a little insurance society. We have no oaths; we know each other if we are in a

strange city by grips and signs, but that is all; we bury our dead, sit up with the sick, and my wife gets two thousand dollars when I die.”

Now, dear brother, let us see how much devil transformation you have taken on. According to Nephi, found in the eleventh chapter, “The Lord God worketh not in darkness.”—Secret insurance lodges where you meet in upper chambers, or behind closed doors, anywhere where I am not allowed to go. If I am a poor cripple or consumptive, and fit for the graveyard, my wife does not need two thousand dollars when I am gone; it would not be Christlike to let me into the lodge; it is a christian institution, it takes in only able-bodied men; my widow can go to the poorhouse when I die; you pay a general tax for my wife to go to the poorhouse.

Let us see farther what Nephi says in this same eleventh chapter, speaking on this same sub-

ject: "He [Christ] loveth the world, that he layeth down his own life that he may draw all men unto him." Dear brother, does your insurance society do that? No. "Wherefore he commandeth none that they shall not partake of his salvation." Are there any "shall nots" that cannot partake of your transformed charity? Thousands of them. Behold, have you commanded that the lame, halt, blind stay away, no matter about their needs? Yes. Nephi says, "Nay, all men are privileged, the one like the other; none are forbidden to partake of his goodness; he denieth none; he inviteth all to come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female, and he remembereth the heathen, and all are alike unto him both Jew and gentile." These few jots from this chapter are all directed by Nephi at secretism. You say, "We do not profess to have religion in this insurance business." It is the

very acts mentioned above that makes it unfit for you to belong. It is your temporal acts through life that give you spiritual life; your money and your time given to such Christless institutions that help the well and able-bodied is right to the reverse of what Christ says will grant unto you spiritual salvation by giving your money to the bishop for the benefit of the poor, halt, blind, etc. The devil had it all fixed up for you; he knew there would be some men who would not come into his church if they had to take an oath, so he put on a little whiter garment. There are one hundred men who sit down at a gambling table, which one hundred men have just left, all of whom have lost but one, who walks away with a jackpot of two thousand dollars to take to his wife. The second one hundred have been lead to play by seeing this one man win the jackpot of two thousand dollars. Dear brother, the above is gam-

bling. If you have been in the lodge long enough to pay twenty dollars, then you die, your wife gets a jackpot of two thousand dollars. What is it?

Ether, third chapter, tells us that Akish formed a secret combination even as they of old; he administered unto some poor dupes the oaths which were given by them of old, which were handed down even from Cain, who was a murderer from the beginning, and they were kept up by the power of the devil to administer these oaths unto the people, to help such as sought power, to gain power. The record tells us that this combination is most wicked and abominable above all, for the Lord worketh not in secret combinations. Dear reader, tell me what "most wicked and abominable" means. That little word "most" a simple child would tell you means *all* abominable in his sight, but some more so than others. Ether tells us that they called upon

God to help them to keep the oaths, and swore by their heads, as they do today.

The revelations given by Nephi, the son of Helaman (Nephi 14), and the revelation given by Moroni, in third chapter of Ether, are as direct revelations to the church now as any revelation given through Joseph Smith the prophet for the people's benefit, this nation and the church; if you say "for the nation," how much more need has the church to see to it that it puts secret combinations out from among them. "But," says one, "our president is not a member of any secret order, and the church has no secret order; we do not say or do anything in any of our meetings that we are ashamed of; anybody can come in, see and listen if they want to, and the general church does not believe in them." Dear brother, did you ever stop to think if you had two or more members in the church who were members of a

secret order, that you had a secret combination among you? It only took two persons in the Jaredite nation to overthrow the nation. Some one says that revelation given by Moroni was for the people of his day. Let us see. He says that it had been made known unto him that these combinations are had among all people, that they were had among the Lamanites and had caused the destruction of the people of whom he was then speaking, and also the Nephite nation, and whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations to get power and gain until they spread over the nation, behold that nation shall be destroyed for the blood of his Saints (which shall be shed by them) shall not always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance and yet he avenge them not.

Moroni was the man who hid up the plates, and this gentile nation is the first gentile nation to

see and read the warning given from God through Moroni to us. Some one says, "That is to the nation, not the church;" grant it, and see where it puts the church. Does it not make the church more responsible, as believers in the Book of Mormon, for the secretism of this nation than the nation itself, if the church suffers men who belong to secret combinations to be members of the church, or as the Lord says, suffer these things to be?

Let us sift Moroni's revelation. "Wherefore, O ye gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shewn unto you that thereby ye may repent of your sins and not suffer these murderous combinations to get above you, which are built up to get power and gain, and 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 if you shall suffer these



things to be. Wherefore the Lord commandeth you when you 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 woe 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 build it up. 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. Yea, even that same liar who hath hardened the hearts of men, that they murdered the prophets and stoned them and cast them out from the beginning. Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things, that evil may be done away, and that the

time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness and be saved."

Why was it wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto the church? Did he not see the day when John C. Bennett would come among the people of God and introduce the doctrine of his majesty the devil, persuading the prophet and five hundred of his followers to go into the secret combination which the Lord says is most abominable above all; where the first oath taken was, if he ever knowingly violated his entered apprentice obligation, to have his throat cut across and his tongue torn out by the roots? Dear brother, does that sound like the devil worked upon the hearts of men in a transformed way? There are thirty-two more steps to take in this church of

the devil, and oaths that make your blood tingle, as you advance. You may say, "I do not see why the prophet went into it." He was no more than any other man when left to himself. The devil's power being greater than man's power alone, it is one of the better evidences that the devil *did* transform himself nigh unto an angel of light, to deceive the man who brought forth the light. Did the sword of justice fall upon them because of suffering these things to be? Are not the fruits of John C. Bennett seen in the West today? The prophet and the twelve were told by Bennett that if they would join the Masons it would stop all the trouble which was being put on the Saints, that they would get openings to preach where they would not otherwise get them. The two above mentioned reasons would cause any man to become a member of any order if he had the interest for the

people at heart as they did, laying aside dozens of other inducements which this most abominable combination will put before you.

Moroni is commanded to write these things, that evil may be done away, that men many come unto the fountain of all righteousness and be saved. When a man is in the church of the devil, is he not out of the church of Christ? Are you saving the man or are you letting him stay in the church that the sword of the justice of the eternal God shall fall upon you for suffering these things to be? Some one asks, "What does the sword of the justice of the eternal God mean?" First, it means that God's law is perfect. Second, by breaking law or commands you bring the sword of justice upon your own head. Are there not today, men in the church who, should they so choose, could make the Saints trouble because of their influence in secret so-

cieties? The Book of Mormon is true, that the devil transforms himself nigh unto an angel of light in these secret combinations, and they are built up to get power and gain; and the prophecy of second Nephi, Mormon and the angel Moroni, is literally fulfilled. The devil's object from the beginning to the present has been to make trouble for the church, and overthrow it if he could. Is it not a fact that members of the church are sure to become dissatisfied with the church under such transformed devil surroundings? Secretism caused the flood, it destroyed the Jaradite nation, also the Nephite nation, and in this our day, destroyed the first foundation of that which, by this time, would have caused God and his angels to have called this nation blessed—the church of Jesus Christ. But from the 14th chapter of the book of Nephi (a direct revelation to this nation), and the present outlook, also the

sayings of Jesus Christ found in 7th chapter of the book of Nephi, this nation will be destroyed if it does not repent after all the evidence before us, that behind secret societies there is a real devilish power. Can the members of the church, individually or collectively, suffer any man or men to be a member of the church of Christ and the church of the devil at the same time? Can you save the devil?

Revelation given to Joseph Smith told him that many spirits had gone out upon the earth, and the history of the recent past has shown us that the church was guided by a power not the power of God, and that power led the church into secretism and caused men in high places to rob the church of its moneys, which ought to have been used in the work of the Lord. Can the church shake hands with the devil today and let him rob them on the outside? All the history of the past, both in the Inspired

Translation and Book of Mormon, shows us that the devil works through man, to get power and gain, Cain being his first agent, thereby thwarting God's work. Can any one say the old church priesthood did not rob its people? Would the Lord have commanded if there had not been money enough to accomplish? Today his majesty, the devil, is working on the members instead of the priesthood; the bishop is being robbed of thousands of dollars that are paid out for insurance, both in and out of secret societies. Men who do this are not only robbing the bishop but God, and cheating Christ out of their souls, who gave all he had—his life. Which God will you serve, Christ or the transformed angel god—the devil? We are commanded to turn members over to the laws of the land when they steal. When they rob God, and the members suffer it to be, where ought the sword of justice to

rest? We say, with the members. If a man who is a member of the church belongs to a secret order that murders its members, does the church become responsible for the murder? The devil being the god of secret combinations, they being the true church of the devil, is it not a fact that the devil's power is a murderous power? As Nephi says, he stirreth men up to secret combinations of murder and all manner of secret works of darkness. The Inspired Translation tells us his object is to murder and get gain. Murder, to put the Lord's servants out of the way, as he did Abel; to get gain, to stop the Lord's work in a financial way, and cause misery and distress.

Reading the history of the past ages, and what we see in the West today, can we afford to hold our peace and suffer these things to be? There is nothing found in the Bible or Book of Mormon which gives us evidence that



polygamy ever destroyed any nation, but they are full, from cover to cover, of statements that secret societies did destroy great nations, and secretism is the stepping stone to polygamy, the devilish power behind it giving men and women a transformed confidence in each other, when their master, the devil, binds their confidence with an oath, no matter how meek or ironclad that oath may be. There is enough in the church law to cover all temporal wants, if that law be heeded. God will open the windows of heaven as he has promised, if we pay the bishop's agents instead of the devil's agents. If we are looking for more light upon this question of secret combinations, had we not better take our dusty church law off the shelf, that will judge us at the last day, and see if there is a sword of the justice of the eternal God hanging over us, if we are suffering these things to be. Dear reader, we

could give you evidence that would make volumns, but from a soul saving standpoint, what better evidence do you want than the Bible and Book of Mormon, the only two true keys that unlock the fact that secret combinations are kept up by the power of the devil, that he has a mimic priesthood, or counterfeit to God's priesthood, also real devilish spirits to guide men into all deviltry in a transformed way, instead of all truth, he being a liar and a murder from the beginning? Now, let us see if we have any wicked AND SECRET SOCIETIES today, as Ether calls them in the 4th chapter. Taking Joseph Smith's revelation, given January, 1831, the Lord shows him a mystery, a thing which is had in secret chambers, to bring to pass even your destruction in process of time. The Lord gives the church a parable of a man having twelve sons, to one he says, "Be thou clothed, sit thou here;" to the other, "Be

thou clothed in rags, sit thou there;" then again tells them to be one; if they were not one they were not his, then warns the church that the enemy in secret chambers seeketh their lines. Now, we are the sons of God, every man on earth, and he says he is no respecter of persons. Are the secret societies respecters of persons today? If you are a member of one of the fifteen hundred that have sprung up like mushrooms since the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, which is not a respecter of who they take in among them, the writer wants to hear from you at once; he will stop the publishing of this little book. Let us give you a sample or two. "I promise to assist and espouse your cause, so far as to extricate you from the same, whether you are right or wrong, providing you are one of my brothers of the twelve sons of God, who are clothed in the devil's robe of secretism mys-

tery." Now let us reverse: "I promise not to assist and espouse your cause, whether you are right or wrong, providing you are not one of the sons of God who has not the robe of secretism mystery." The Lord says, "Be one, if ye are not one ye are not mine." Can you see from the above how we could be one? Dear reader, that is just what that parable means.

In the seventh chapter of Nephi the Lord tells us, because of the covenants which he has made to the children of men, that they may be fulfilled, he must needs destroy the secret works of darkness and of murders, and he that fighteth against Zion, both Jew and gentile, both bond and free, both male and female, shall perish, for those are they who are the whore of all the earth, "for they who are not for me are against me" saith our God.

To you, dear reader, who are not believers in the Book of

Mormon, let me say to you, the best evidence that the Book of Mormon is true, are the words of Nephi, found in eleventh chapter of second Nephi, of that book, that there should be secret combinations in the day when the book should be brought forth, and many other statements as to what should be on this land at the time of its coming. Let me ask you, how did Smith know these combinations should be on the land? More than fifteen hundred of them have sprung up like mushrooms since 1828. All writers and expositors of secretism give the Latter Day Saints, or Mormons, a rub; class them with the worst of secret societies. It is true that the ring leaders of the Brighamites, or Brigham Youngites—not Mormons, for Mormon means “more good”—were cut throats, murderers and polygamists, but the masses were a poor, deluded people in the year of 1845, and later on, till Uncle Sam used his strong arm upon them. Blood atonement was one of their themes, but there is no book on

earth that has more statements in it showing that secretism is wrong, than the Book of Mormon.

If the Book of Mormon is true and the people who believed in it were followers of Jesus Christ, is it not the best of evidence that the devil would or did step in and cause the Brighamites to do just what they have done in the past—turn the devil's secretism into blood atonement and call it a religion.

Now, to some of you piety preachers or church members who have said in the past, "You might as well throw peas at the rocks of Gibraltar to tear them down, as to try to tear down the grand and good form of secretism," ask yourselves the question, "Can you be true to your brother in the church when you are oath bound with a lot of men made up of priests and murderers, deacons and whoremongers, church members and gamblers, decent men and loafers, drunkards and rowdies?" Can you carry the priesthood of the devil in one hand and the priesthood of Jesus Christ in the other? Can you draw sweet water from a bitter fountain?



