

# The Strategy of Satan Pt 3

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Jesus referred to Satan as *“the Prince of this world”* (Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11) 2 Cor. 4:4 identifies him as *“the god of this world”* that blinds our minds (Deceive us) in order to “bind us” (Mk 3:27) to Destroy us. (Jn 10:10) His cunning corrupted 1/3 of Heaven’s angels into following him in his rebellion. (Rev. 12:4) He uses them (the demons) and his growing influence as “the god of this world” to influence people to set the stage for the last days recorded in Revelation. Vladimir Lenin called such people “Useful Idiots”.

Ironically, he was one of the “Most Useful” of Satan’s “idiots”.

Last week we learned that He uses *“all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life”* (1 Jn 2:15,16) to gain increasing influence in our lives, and ultimately our culture and world.

To the degree we’re *“ignorant of his devices”* (noema: mind, purpose, disposition {Jn 10:10})

he’ll *“get an advantage of us.”* (Pleonekteō: to covet, overreach) (2 Cor. 2:11)

SATAN COVET’S US! (See Gen. 4:6,7)

### Some of Satan’s “devices” include:

#### 1. Removing (Binding) Strong men as the Leaders of the family. Mk 3:27

*“No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; then he will spoil (Diarpazō: seize, plunder) his house.”*

Satan’s not interested in your stuff, *he’s interested in your soul!* (Pr. 5:21-23)

#### 2. Removing Marriage & Family as the Foundation of Society.

- The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) defined that marriage was between a man and a woman, Passed in 1996 with a veto proof majority. 1/3 of the Democrats opposed it. President Bill Clinton described it as “Divisive and unnecessary”.
- 2015 the “Supreme Court” 5/4 invalidated DOMA, (Obergefell v. Hodges) Forcing each state to accept gay marriages.
- 2022 Biden signs the “Respect for (Gay) Marriage Act” (with Republican support) to prevent future Supreme Courts from ever overturning their prior decision.

#### 3. Removing the Scriptures (God’s Word) as the Standard of Society.

We no longer believe “Self evident” truth exists.

As recent as 1952: (Zorach v. Clauson) The Supreme Court upheld Biblical instruction in public schools. *“We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being. We guarantee the freedom to worship...”*

##### A. What Happened To Change This?

Within the next 10 years there were 7 new appointees to the Supreme Court leading to a new Supreme Court with a new philosophy.

##### 1) In 1962 the ACLU challenged the following Valedictorian Prayer.

*“Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our Country.”*

The Supreme Court decided that prayer in school was “unconstitutional” (Engel v. Vitale) claiming that our Founding Fathers never intended that public prayer be encouraged.

- 2) Removing the Bible in the public school. (Abington Tp. v. Schempp 1963)
- 3) Forcing States to teach Evolution. (Epperson v. Arkansas 1968)
- 4) Removing images of 10 commandments (Stone vs Graham 1980)
- 5) Removing Creation teaching in schools (Edwards v. Aguillard 1987)

**B. These were the clearly stated goals of the Humanist Manifesto (1933) as well as the 45 Communist Goals outlined by FBI agent W. Cleon Skousen’s book “The Naked Communist”**

- 1) These were intentionally designed to “Fundamentally Transform America”

Abraham Lincoln observed: *“The philosophy of the school room in one generation, will be the philosophy of the government in the next”*

- 2) Both John Dewey (1933 Humanist Manifesto) and Roger Baldwin (ACLU founder) went to Russia to study the educational methods of Communism. (Re-Education = Indoctrination)

**C. Removing the “The Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” as the standard of our society left a moral and philosophical Vacuum, into which Satan stepped.**

- 1) Justice Potter Stewart (only original dissenting vote) observed: *“It led not to true neutrality with respect to religion, but to the establishment of a religion of secularism.”* (Secular Humanism) <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/370/421/>

2) How has this “Fundamental Transformation” Worked for us?

- Violent crime has increased > 560 percent.
- Divorces have more than doubled.
- Children in single-parent homes has tripled.
- 40 percent of all American births and 80 percent of minority births occur out of wedlock.

*“The United States leads the industrialized world in murder, rape and violent crime. At the same time, our students rank at or near the bottom in tests of math and science skills. “*

William Bennett “The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators”

- 3) What is the Secular Solution to these failed Educational policies? Less God...More Government

**Conclusion: Jeremiah 2:11-14 “*Is Israel a servant? is he a slave? why is he spoiled?”***

Because they chose the wrong god! Mark 3:27; Deuteronomy 30:19

**Application: 1Cor10:11 “these things happened to them for ensamples:” “Is (America) a servant?...a slave?**

(Jn 8:34; Ro. 6:16) *“Why is she spoiled?”* Satan’s bound us by our sin and stupidity. Pr 1:30-31

**How can she (WE) be freed and restored? John 8:31-36**

Ps 16:4 *“Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god...6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. 7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: (Who has “given you counsel?”)*

8 *I have set the LORD always before me: (Who, or what, have you “set always before you?”)*

11 *Thou wilt shew me the path of life...”* Whose path are you following? The thief or the shepherd?

John 10:10 *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

Jn 10:27 *“My sheep hear (obey) my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:”*