

The image shows a stage with heavy red curtains. A spotlight is shining on the floor in the foreground, creating a bright greenish-yellow oval. The text "The Play and the Plan" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

# The Play and the Plan





58 Therefore I give unto you  
a commandment, to teach these things  
freely unto your children, saying:

59 That by reason of transgression cometh  
the fall, which fall bringeth death, and  
inasmuch as ye were born into the world by  
water, and blood, and the spirit, which I  
have made, and so became of dust a living  
soul, even so ye must be born again into  
the kingdom of heaven, of water, and of  
the Spirit, and be cleansed by blood, even  
the blood of mine Only Begotten; that ye  
might be sanctified from all sin,  
and enjoy the words of eternal life in this  
world, and eternal life in the world to  
come, even immortal glory;

60 For by the water ye keep the  
commandment; by the Spirit ye  
are justified, and by the blood ye  
are **sanctified**;

61 Therefore **it is given to abide in you;**  
**the record of heaven; the Comforter;**  
**the peaceable things of immortal glory;**  
**the truth of all things; that which**  
**quickeneth all things, which maketh alive**  
**all things; that which knoweth all things,**  
**and hath all power according to wisdom,**  
**mercy, truth, justice, and judgment.**

62 And now, behold, I say unto you: This is  
the plan of salvation unto all men, through  
the blood of mine Only Begotten, who shall  
come in the meridian of time.

(Moses 6:58-62)

---

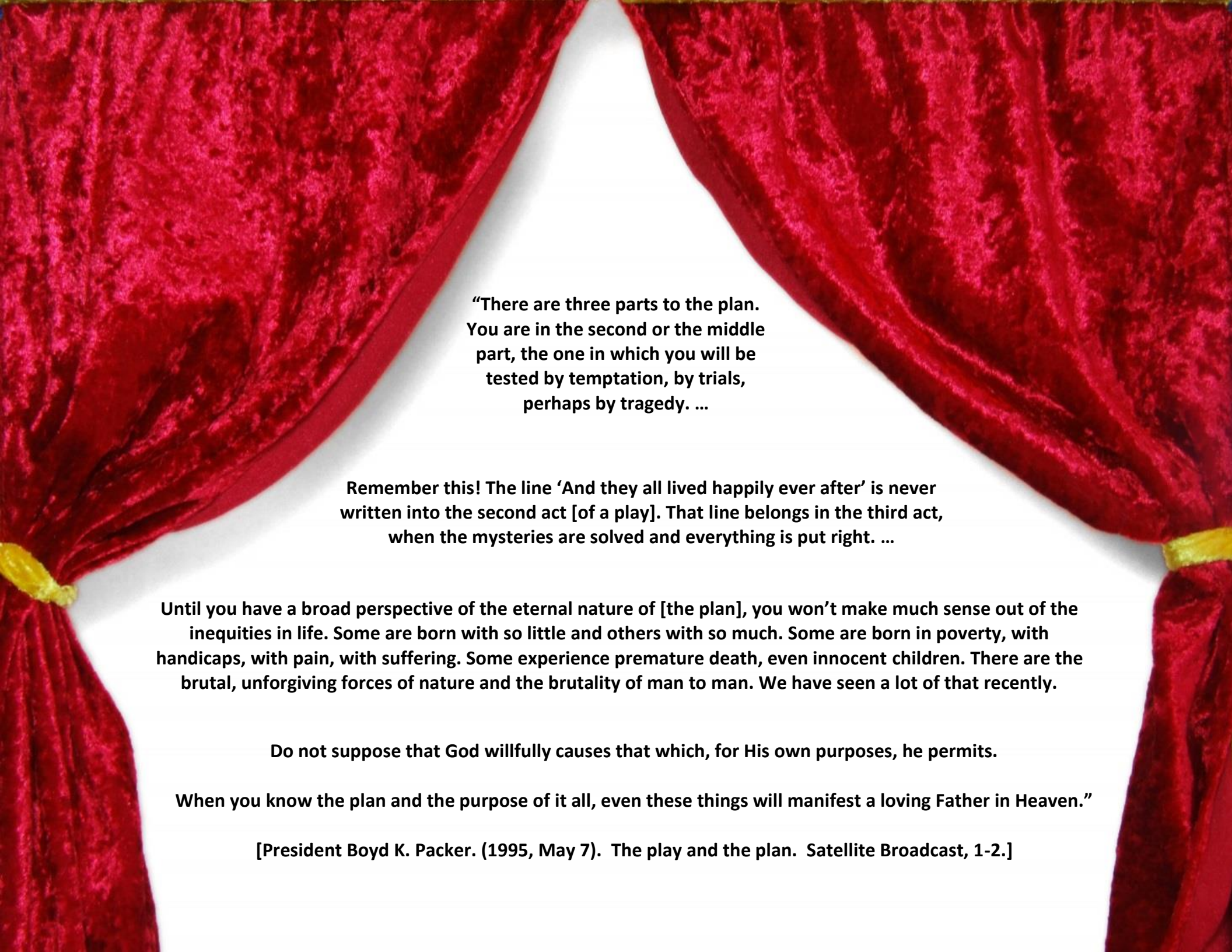
“And the great God has had mercy on  
us, and made these things known unto  
us that we might not perish; yea, and he  
has made these things known unto us  
beforehand, because he loveth  
our souls as well as he loveth our  
children; therefore, in his mercy he doth  
visit us by his angels, that the plan of  
salvation might be made known unto us  
as well as unto future generations”  
(Alma 24:14 ).

---



A background image of a stage with red curtains. The curtains are closed, showing vertical folds and a rich red color. The lighting is slightly darker at the top and bottom, with the center being brighter.

# **The Play and the Plan**

The image features a pair of red velvet curtains, partially drawn to reveal a white background. The curtains are tied back with yellow ribbons, creating a triangular opening in the center. The text is centered within this opening.

**“There are three parts to the plan.  
You are in the second or the middle  
part, the one in which you will be  
tested by temptation, by trials,  
perhaps by tragedy. ...**

**Remember this! The line ‘And they all lived happily ever after’ is never  
written into the second act [of a play]. That line belongs in the third act,  
when the mysteries are solved and everything is put right. ...**

**Until you have a broad perspective of the eternal nature of [the plan], you won’t make much sense out of the  
inequities in life. Some are born with so little and others with so much. Some are born in poverty, with  
handicaps, with pain, with suffering. Some experience premature death, even innocent children. There are the  
brutal, unforgiving forces of nature and the brutality of man to man. We have seen a lot of that recently.**

**Do not suppose that God willfully causes that which, for His own purposes, he permits.**

**When you know the plan and the purpose of it all, even these things will manifest a loving Father in Heaven.”**

**[President Boyd K. Packer. (1995, May 7). The play and the plan. Satellite Broadcast, 1-2.]**



---

“We have been reserved in the spirit world for thousands of years, to stand in the flesh in the latter days, and to take God’s kingdom and build it up. Understanding these things then, what are we, as Latter-day Saints, thinking about? We have got a great warfare to fight. Lucifer, the son of the morning, and all his hosts, are united against us. We are but a little handful compared with the inhabitants of the earth. **There never were but few men and women, in any age of the world, who were independent enough to reject evil and to serve the Lord.** But we have been counted worthy to be numbered as His people. It is time, therefore, that we arose, that we awoke, and that, clothed upon with the power of God and the Holy Priesthood, we should magnify His Priesthood and obtain the blessings belonging thereto”

[Chapter 3: The dispensation of the fullness of times, *Teachings of the Presidents of the Church: Wilford Woodruff*, p. 25].

---

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

### **Adam**

**The First Man, Father of All, Archangel**  
(D&C 84:16; D&C 27:11; D&C 107:54)

### **Eve**

**The Mother of All Living**  
(Genesis 3:20; Moses 4:26; D&C 138:39)

### **Heavenly Father**

**Creator, Father of Jesus Christ**  
(Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2)

### **Holy Ghost**

**Comforter, Revelator, Teacher**  
(D&C 39:6; John 14:26; D&C 42:17)

### **Jesus Christ**

**Advocate, Creator, Only Begotten, Redeemer, Savior**  
(1 John 2:1; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2; John 3:16; Isaiah 60:16)

### **Lucifer/Satan**

**Murderer, Liar, Accuser**  
(John 8:44; Rev. 12:7-10)

---

*There are three parts to the plan. You are in the second or the middle part, the one in which you will be tested by temptation, by trials, perhaps by tragedy. ...*

*Remember this! The line 'And they all lived happily ever after' is never written into the second act [of a play]. That line belongs in the third act, when the mysteries are solved and everything is put right. ...*

*Until you have a broad perspective of the eternal nature of [the plan], you won't make much sense out of the inequities in life. Some are born with so little and others with so much. Some are born in poverty, with handicaps, with pain, with suffering. Some experience premature death, even innocent children. There are the brutal, unforgiving forces of nature and the brutality of man to man. We have seen a lot of that recently.*

*Do not suppose that God willfully causes that which, for His own purposes, he permits.*

*When you know the plan and the purpose of it all, even these things will manifest a loving Father in Heaven."*

*[President Boyd K. Packer. (1995, May 7). The play and the plan. Satellite Broadcast, 1-2.]*

---

## THE GREAT PLAN OF HAPPINESS

### **ACT 1: Pre-mortal Life**

**The Council in Heaven**  
(Job 38:4-7)

**The War in Heaven**  
(Moses 4:1-4; D&C 29:36; D&C 76:25-27)

**The Creation**  
(D&C 76:24; Abraham 3:24-25)

**The Fall**  
(D&C 29:40-42; 2 Nephi 2:25-27)

**Birth**  
(Moses 5:11; Moses 2:28)

---

### **ACT 2: Mortality**

**The Atonement**  
(D&C 46:40-42; Alma 34:8-9)

**The Apostasy & The Restoration**  
(Isaiah 60:2; D&C 1:14-18; D&C 27:6)

**Death** (Alma 12:24; Alma 34:34)

**Intermission: The Spirit World**  
(Alma 40:11-14)

---

### **ACT 3: Post-mortality**

**The Second Coming**  
(Matthew 16:27)

**The Resurrection**  
(Alma 11:42-45; D&C 88:14-16)

**The Millenium**  
(D&C 43:30-33)

**The Final Judgment**  
(D&C 101:78; D&C 128:6-8; Alma 11:43-45)  
**Immortality, Eternal Life, & Exaltation**  
(D&C 131:1-4)