

JEDI VS. SITH

(An update)

Based on the dialogue in the novel:  
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INT. MOVIE THEATER -- DAY

There is an audience seated awaiting a film. On screen we see the movie unfold in cinematic splendor.

EXT. THEATER TEMPLE -- MORNING

A SITH LORD stands outside the temple steps with his SITH apprentice. The Sith kneels before his master in worshipful reverence.

SITH LORD

Go my apprentice, Darth Treacherous. Attack the Jedi in the heart of their temple and make them engage with us in violent combat. It is the only way to disillusion the masses to their pathetic ideals of nonviolent peace and justice.

SITH

Yes my master. The Jedi will fall and fear will tighten like a noose around this nation, making way for our Empire to rise.

SITH LORD

Count Bin Laden has passed his torch to a new Sith Lord, commanded to attack once again with the help of his terrorists. The president's leadership will fail, triggering a new civil war, paving the way for our coup. The new Republican commander and chief will then turn this war into a religious battle, leading his administration to be toppled and giving us the justification needed to wipe the filth of Christianity and Islam forever from the face of this Earth. The people will be desperate for something new to rise from the ashes of a failed two party system. Chaos will follow and facilitate my great deception. They will trust me to stand in as emergency chancellor, seize control of the nuclear arsenal and restore order to the Republic.

INT. CHAPEL -- MORNING

A figure exits one of the chapel doors going into the church. It is a JEDI wearing light robes and an expression of determination. He has a light saber at his side. The Jedi nears the stage and then stops.

JEDI

I have a bad feeling about this.

(beat)

I sense something... elusive...

(beat)

The Dark Side draws near.

Another figure exits the opposite chapel door. It is a SITH, wearing dark robes and an expression of hate on his face. The Jedi and Sith converge and face off.

JEDI

You Sith disease. How dare you show your face in the sacred halls of this Jedi temple.

SITH

You Jedi scum. How dare you hide from me here among the deluded.

JEDI

It is you who are deluded. The Dark Side of the Force will never be stronger than the Light.

SITH

If the Light Side is so powerful, why do you fear me?

JEDI

I don't fear evil. I destroy it.

SITH

Did not the Sith find revenge and crush the Jedi a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away?

JEDI

Did not the Jedi return and assist the rebellion in destroying the Empire to restore peace and freedom to the galaxy?

SITH

And did not the Sith become reborn to appear in episode VII?

The Jedi turns to the audience.

JEDI

He was a menace to the Galactic Republic then and he is a menace to ours now. If our president is already under the influence of his Sith lord, we may be in the gravest of danger.

A 2ND JEDI rises from his seat to speak.

2ND JEDI

Even if our Republic fell under the sway of the Sith, they would not hold power over us. A Jedi's strength has always come from the moral authority of the living Force.

JEDI

But he seeks power over our government so he can destroy our liberty and disband the Jedi Order.

A 3RD JEDI rises to speak.

3RD JEDI

But even if he disbands us with legal authority, still Jedi we would be. Jedi Knights have served the Force long before this Republic was born and serve it we will long after it has turned to dust.

JEDI

With the Sith threat, that time may be soon.

A 4th JEDI rises from his seat to respond.

4TH JEDI

I have seen life outside the Republic. Sweat shop slavery, torturous poverty, endless war. The Republic is civilization, the only one we have. It isn't perfect but it's our duty to protect it.

JEDI

That's why we must remove the Sith from our government.

SITH

The Sith are the only ones capable of saving the government. Corruption has made it a cancer in the body of the Republic and no one has been able to stamp it out. Not the president, the judicials, not the senate, not even the Jedi. It is the Sith alone who can save the Republic and bring order from this chaos.

JEDI

The Sith are the perpetrators of chaos.

SITH

The Sith are no different from Jedi. We seek power just like you.

JEDI

The Jedi use their power for good.

SITH

Is the Jedi concept of good the only valid one? The Sith believe in justice and security every bit as much as the Jedi.

JEDI

Your idea of justice is revenge.

SITH

Revenge is the foundation of justice. Justice began with revenge and revenge is still the only justice we can ever hope for.

JEDI

The Jedi ideals of justice do not involve revenge or serving evil.

SITH

Evil is your label for those who threaten you. Are you any different than us? You seek absolute power just like the Sith.

JEDI

The Jedi's quest is for greater understanding; for greater knowledge of the Force.

SITH

Which brings greater power, does it not?

JEDI

Well, yes. But the Jedi use their power in accordance with the will of the Living Force.

SITH

There is no will of the Living Force. It is only our will that matters.

The Sith turns to the audience.

SITH

Do you not all see what lies ahead? We are up against a new sinister enemy who will stop at nothing to destroy us. This war going on will only intensify and spiral out of control. Anarchy and depression will fall everywhere and threaten everyone. It is only the Sith who can bring order from this chaos. We can ensure that never again will we be divided. Never again will nation turn against nation, red state against blue state, Democrat against Republican, mother against father. To ensure that we stand together, that we speak with a single voice and act with a single hand, the republic must evolve. We have become an empire by fact. Let us become an empire in name.

JEDI

You Sith are an enemy of democracy.

SITH

We love democracy and that's why we seek to save it. The Republic as it is now, is too unfocused to face this coming war. We need a single authority to direct its prosecution and unite the earth. We will cede our emergency powers once world peace has been established. Now you will either be with us or you will be an enemy of peace and the Republic.

JEDI

A Sith always speaks in absolutes.  
You're under arrest for treason.

SITH

I don't think so. It's your time  
that's over! The Sith will rule.

The Sith pulls out his light saber as the Jedi follows.

JEDI

save your twisted words. It's over!  
You've lost.

SITH

You're no match for the power of  
the dark side!

The blade on the Sith's light saber ignites in a blaze of red.

JEDI

The flaw of power is arrogance.

SITH

You hesitate, the flaw of  
compassion.

JEDI

It's not compassion, it's reverence  
for life, even for yours. It's  
respect for the human you were,  
regret for the Jedi you should have  
become.

The blade on the Jedi's light saber ignites in a blaze of blue. A 5th JEDI stands up to speak.

5TH JEDI

Wait! He must stand trial.

JEDI

The trial would be a joke. He  
controls most of our government and  
knows how to play on the sympathies  
of the masses. He is too dangerous  
to be kept alive.

A 6th JEDI stands up in a rage.

6TH JEDI

You can't just kill him! It's not  
the Jedi way.

JEDI

Yes I can. I have to.

SITH

This isn't an arrest, it's an assassination. It's the Jedi who seek to seize power of the Republic.

JEDI

But only to save it from you.

SITH

You just want a weak minded president in office who can be controlled by your Jedi mind tricks.

JEDI

You Sith always use deception to gain sympathy and mask your evil.

SITH

You Jedi always use a mask of righteousness to hide your dark side and disguise yourself as the light.

(beat)

Am I really a Sith or just another in your long line of fallen Jedi, sick of your hypocrisy and corruption.

JEDI

The Jedi who became Sith were never true Jedi.

(beat)

This is war and I will fight you to the bitter end!

The Jedi and Sith fight furiously. They drive each other back towards the temple front doors. They both open and the two polar opposites exit in a frenzied blaze mutual hate.

INT. MOVIE THEATER -- DAY

Footage of the film on screen disappears as the lights go on. The audience seated at the theater turn to each other in surprise.

AUDIENCE MEMBER

What happened to the movie?



EXT. TEMPLE COURTYARD -- MORNING

The cinematic sequence has been shattered. Our view shows drab, documentary style footage. Now the Jedi and Sith move outside, their light sabers are no longer lit but are only plastic toys. The filmmaker exits the door after them.

FILMMAKER

What are you guys doing? This isn't  
in the script.

From the opposite side of the courtyard, police lead a procession of hundreds of people in a candlelight vigil. Their presence have distracted the Jedi and Sith, pulling them away from their duel.

JEDI

No, I can't do this. I can't take  
this battle into the real world.

PERSON FROM CROWD

Yeah, keep it on the big screen  
where it belongs.

SITH

Admit what is true. You're all  
addicted to evil. You would be  
nothing without me!

2ND PERSON FROM CROWD

We have now decided to move toward  
good, without the need for evil.

SITH

Without World War I, the League of  
Nations would never have been born  
and without World War II, where  
would the U.N. be today? Without  
Hitler, the Jews would have never  
got their homeland back. Without  
Jim Crow, how could there have been  
a civil rights movement? And  
without the war on terror and  
Israel's aggression towards  
Palestine, where would we find the  
fuel needed to ignite World War III  
and impetus for the unification of  
humankind?

JEDI

No, there is another way. If our shadow side is peacefully integrated with our light, we will no longer need you creating havoc on the outside world to move us forward.

PERSON FROM CROWD

Take your eternal battle back to the movie theater and don't ever return!

Some of the people in the crowd hold up Earth flags and signs with world citizen declarations. The Sith and Jedi lower their plastic sabers. Now they turn around and go back into the chapel as the crowds cheer.

INT. MOVIE THEATER -- DAY

The audience are getting impatient, but now the lights dim and the movie resumes... and we return to the cinematic perspective as the Jedi and Sith's light sabers ignite as the battle continues where it left off.