

SLIDE	NOTES
1	CASE STUDY 01 - Describes some tragic real-world consequences of the primacy of consciousness.
2	<p>The Secret</p> <p>Anim: Quote The Secret p.47, p.48, p.52, p54</p>
3	<p>Feeling Universe</p> <p>Anim1: Quote The Secret p.52-53</p> <p>Anim2: Quote The Secret p.56</p> <p>Anim3: Quote The Secret p.49</p> <p>Anim4: Q: And what is the most powerful thing in the universe?</p> <p>Anim5: Quote The Secret p.38</p> <p>Love...As we have discussed previously this version of love takes over everything else and becomes a law unto itself.</p> <p>Q: Where do feelings come from?</p>
4	<p>Consciousness Creates The Universe</p> <p>A Conscious Universe of course.</p> <p>Anim1: Quote The Secret p.33</p> <p>Anim2: Quote The Secret p.39</p> <p>Anim3: Quote The Secret p.160</p> <p>Anim4: Quote The Secret p.21</p>
5	<p>Examples</p> <p>In various examples throughout the book, it makes outrageous claims such as:</p> <p>Anim1: Quote The Secret p.58</p> <p>Anim2: Quote The Secret p.104-105</p> <p>Anim3: Quote The Secret p.99</p> <p>Anim4: Quote The Secret p.139, p.134</p> <p>Anim5: Quote The Secret p.139</p>
6	<p>Have It All Right Now</p> <p>With positive thoughts and strong emotions vibrating out into the Universe, the final thing is to pretend reality is other than it is by irresponsibly acting as though what you wished for is ALREADY so!</p> <p>Anim1: Quote The Secret p.54</p> <p>Anim2: Quote The Secret p.102</p> <p>Anim3: Q: What does the Church have to say on this subject?</p> <p>Many published quotes on provident living.</p> <p>Quote Elder Hales</p> <p>Anim4: Quote The Secret p.102</p> <p>This is essentially the motto for wishful thinking.</p> <p>The easy way.</p> <p>Anim5: Quote Wikipedia</p> <p>* And the message has done very well financially for the authors.</p> <p>* The book has also been heavily criticized by former believers and practitioners, with some claiming that the only people generating wealth and happiness from it are the author and the publishers.</p>

7	<p>SCIENCE OF WISHFUL THINKING</p> <p>Q: So how does it all work?</p> <p>Anim1: It is the perfect example of mixed premises</p> <p>Anim2: The secret sets up two contradictory standing orders</p> <p>Anim3: They begin with what appears like the Primacy of Existence to coax the genie out.</p> <p>Anim4: Once the genie is out, then it is right back to primacy of consciousness and anything goes.</p> <p>* It is a bait and switch scheme claiming the scientific authority of lawfulness, while at the same time presenting the willfulness of wishful thinking.</p> <p>* In effect, The Secret has the positive thinking from epistemology, taking metaphysical control of reality, confounding metaphysics and epistemology into a single, contradictory, mystical, concept.</p>
8	<p>SCIENCE OF POSITIVE THINKING</p> <p>Here is the sales pitch.</p> <p>Anim1: The law of attraction grants wishes.</p> <p>Anim2: The universe is just waiting to rearrange itself for you...You don't even need to know how! You can do this in ignorance.</p> <p>Anim3: Quote The Secret p.51 The universe is your own personal genie.</p> <p>Anim4: But you need to know how to coax the genie out of the bottle.</p> <p>Anim5: Absolutism of blind belief</p> <p>Anim6: Q: But what if it doesn't work for you?</p> <p>Anim7: It's your fault, either because you didn't believe strongly enough, or are ungrateful.</p> <p>Anim8: Throw in some name dropping, misappropriating some exceptional historical figures for their prestige value...</p> <p>Anim9: And in summary:</p> <p>* The Secret's claim is that life is easy, without any problems. If you are not getting everything you wish for, something must be wrong with you personally.</p> <p>* This type of "caveat emptor" wherein the purchaser assumes all the risk, is the ultimate "get-out-of-jail-free" sales pitch for anyone peddling this nonsense...</p> <p>Q: Does it really keep the salesman out of jail though?</p>
9	<p>James Arthur Ray</p> <p>This brings us to James Arthur Ray</p> <p>Anim1: Narrated The Secret, praised by talk shows.</p> <p>Anim2: Quote New York Magazine</p> <p>Anim3: Quote New York Magazine</p> <p>Anim4: Quote The Verge</p> <p>Anim5: Quote The Verge</p>
10	<p>James Arthur Ray</p> <p>Larry King appearance</p> <p>Anim1: Quote James Ray (Larry King Interview)</p> <p>Anim2: Quote James Ray</p> <p>Anim2: Quote James Ray</p> <p>* This stuff always works...If it doesn't, then don't blame me, it's your fault.</p> <p>* Then, like all who ignore reality, reality catches up and has the final say.</p>

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11	<p>Tragedy</p> <p>Reality caught up with Ray and his followers in 2008</p> <p>Anim1: Quote The Verge Anim2: Quote The Verge Anim3: Death, burns, dehydration, elevated body temperature, kidney failure Anim4: Quote The Verge</p>
12	<p>Outcome</p> <p>Quote Wikipedia</p> <p>Anim1: Quote Re-launch on Talk Show 4 months out of prison Anim2: Talk Show host and Ray shared the same manager. Anim3: Quote CNN</p> <p>Q: So what should we take-away from this?</p>
13	<p>The Gospel is not a Secret</p> <p>About the same time The Secret was at its height in popularity, President Dieter F. Uchtdorf had this to say regarding the worldly way of chasing every new age philosophy, purchasing expensive seminars, books, and CDs.</p> <p>Anim: Quote Elder Uchtdorf</p>
14	Questions? Rating?