# ETERNALISM SLIDE NOTES: CASE\_02

SLIDE	NOTES
1	Case Study: True Wealth
2	Metaphysical Wealth Q: In which branch of philosophy do we find wealth, riches and treasure?  Anim1: Quote riches Anim2: Metaphysics
3	Different Philosophical Perspective Brigham Young would like to change your opinion of this.  Anim1: Quote Brigham Young Metaphysical wealth is not riches to Brother BrighamBut metaphysical wealth can help prepare us to receive the true (eternal) riches.
4	False Metaphysical Riches Q: Why do you think Brother Brigham calls these metaphysical riches false?  Anim1: Quote Brigham Young speaking about power and wealth. Anim2: Quote Mathew 6:19-21 Anim3: Quote Brigham Young Anim4: Temporary  * Metaphysical riches are temporary (at best).  * If this weren't the case and we could hang onto them forever, perhaps material wealth might be worth all the blood, sweat and tears that some people expend in attaining them. Q: In reality though, what is the point of becoming the richest person in the cemetery?
5	Knowledge and Wisdom Q: So how do we go about discovering the true riches?  Anim1: Quote Knowledge, Wisdom Q: What branch of philosophy is knowledge in? Q: What branch of philosophy is wisdom in? Knowledge = Epistemology Wisdom (Applied Knowledge) = Ethics  Anim2: Quote D&C 93:28 As we gain knowledge (Epistemologically) and apply it correctly (Ethically), the Lord gives us more and more and so on until we become like him: omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent.  Anim3: Quote 2 Nephi 28:30  Anim4: Cycle For us, Knowledge and Wisdom then become a virtuous cycle (knowledge leading to wisdom which leads to more knowledge and so on) progressing us to the true riches.
6	Scriptures Anim1: Quote Anim2: Quote Anim3: Quote Isaiah 33:6 Anim4: Quote Anim5: Quote Anim6: Quote

7 Quote

Brigham Young instructed the Saints in his day about the riches of Eternal Life.

Anim1: Quote Brigham Young Anim2: Quote Brigham Young

True riches are not the precious elements themselves but the knowledge of how to organize and command the elements.

Anim3: Quote Brigham Young Anim4: Quote Brigham Young

True riches are wisdom

8 Quote Brigham Young

Knowledge (Epistemology) and Wisdom (Applied knowledge...Ethics) is the true power.

9 Deep Field

Q: Which to you is more valuable?

Anim1: A huge physical pile of precious elements (metaphysical riches)?

Or

Anim2: Epistemological knowledge how to make an eternity of it?

Far too many of us are being deceived by the trinkets and missing out on the whole pile.

### **Hubble Deep Field**

- \* The first Hubble Deep Field image (in 1995) observed a region of sky carefully selected to be as empty as possible.
- \* This was to ensure any observed objects would be far beyond our own Milky Way galaxy.
- \* Over 10 consecutive days, and with a total exposure time of more than 100 hours, compared with a typical Hubble exposure of a few hours, the results were astonishing!
- \* Almost 3000 galaxies were seen in the image, that was supposedly empty space. This greatly changed our perspective on the universe.

#### 10 Modern Science

- \* This isn't just a philosophical perspective looking to the long term...
- \* If the deep field perspective seems like too far away in our future, think about knowledge as it relates to us right now...day-to-day.
- \* Imagine you are the wealthiest king living during the Dark Ages...And the knowledge of the following is up on the auction block to the highest bidder.

Q: What would you pay for the following knowledge?

#### Anim1: Yersina Pestis

Q: Does anyone know what this is?

- \* This is Bubonic plague...black death
- \* This caused a series of massive pandemics of plague that swept through Eurasia with very high death rates, causing major cultural changes.
- \* In 4 years alone, from 1347 to 1351 a massive pandemic originating in China, spread along the Silk Road through Asia, Europe and Africa killing approximately 1/3 of the entire population.
- \* China lost around half of its population: around 65 million to 123 million
- \* Europe also lost around one third of its population: about 50 million to 75 million

#### Anim2: Sodium Stearate

Q: Does anyone know what this is?

- \* This is the chemical structure of soap.
- \* Think of how often you use this, and how much disease it has prevented in our modern age...

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## Anim3: Acetylsalicylic Acid

Q: Does anyone know what this is?

- \* This is the chemical structure of common Aspirin
- \* Think of how many toothaches, headaches, bruises, sprains, broken bones, etc, have occurred in the history of the world with no pain medication available at the time.

## Anim4: Incandescent Light

- \* Everyone knows what this is and what effect it has had on the world.
- \* Before this, your only other option was a controlled flame of some sort...which far too often didn't stay controlled and burned down houses, neighborhoods and cities.
- \* I think many among us take for granted how wonderful of a time we live in...Too many people are chasing mere physical wealth to the neglect of true wealth.
- \* The true wealth of our age is knowledge and wisdom.

## Anim5: Quote Joseph Smith

Knowledge is power. True, lasting riches are to be found in Epistemology and Ethics.

11 Questions? Rating?