

SLIDE	NOTES
1	<b>TITLE</b> <b>Q: Any questions before we begin?</b>
2	<b>COLOR CODE</b> <p>* There will be times we will be analyzing falsehood. In order to quickly and clearly understand where we stand with a particular statement when reading a slide, we use the following color coding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Red = Danger! False principles.</li> <li>* Yellow = Caution. Questions, Unknown principles, Mixed Premises</li> <li>* Green = Correct Principles.</li> </ul>
3	<b>DISCLAIMER</b> (From the book preface) <p><b>QUOTE</b> "Though we have received assistance from many people, we alone are responsible for the concepts, ideas, and views expressed in this course. While we are not authorized to speak for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in any official capacity, we have taken great care to include detailed references to all quotations so that you can go directly to the source and determine for yourself that the conclusions drawn from the evidence cited are in harmony with the standard works of the Church."</p> <p>ORIGIN: David Call guest-taught this class as a 400 level Philosophy course at BYU for 8 years. The lessons were longer and designed for a classroom setting for an audience of upper level University Students of Philosophy. This version of the course has been divided into smaller "micro modules".</p> <p><b>QUOTE</b> Elder B.H. Roberts</p>
4	<p><b>QUOTE</b> Elder Widtsoe</p> <p><b>QUOTE</b> Elder Maxwell</p>
5	<b>Q: What is Eternalism?</b> <p><b>Anim1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Philosophy is concerned with man's relationship to reality.</li> <li>* Theology is concerned with man's relationship to God.</li> <li>* Eternalism is concerned with both.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anim2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Philosophy is not theology and theology is not philosophy...But one's "view of existence" is greatly influenced by one's "under-standing of God," and, vice versa.</li> <li>* Both Philosophy and Theology matter to our life for maximum joy and happiness.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anim3:</b> Eternalism is an Latter-day Saint Theology explained within a sound Philosophical structure.</p>
6	<b>Q: What are our goals in teaching Eternalism?</b> <p><b>Anim1: (1) Increased Testimony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The main purpose of Eternalism is to: Strengthen Faith in the Restored gospel</li> <li>* It is expected that understanding Eternalism will increase your testimony because it will show you what an unshakable Philosophical and Theological foundation is to be found Restored gospel.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anim2: QUOTE</b> Elder Ballard</p> <p><b>Anim3: (2) Clarified Thoughts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Without structured thinking, people often walk around in a fog, having an uneasy feeling, wondering if they are making correct choices or not.</li> </ul>

	<p>* The Eternalism concepts will help structure your thinking, and give you confidence in your ability to make right choices.</p> <p>* Expose people to universal truth</p> <p>* Align your relationships on principles</p> <p>* Provide a standard language people can discuss ideologies, theologies, philosophies, etc.</p> <p><b>Anim4:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> HB2 6.1.1</p> <p>People are generally aware of the state of their bodies but too often neglect the state of their minds.</p> <p><b>Anim5:</b> <b>(3) Simplified Life Through Consistent Actions</b></p> <p>* Aligning with God and the universe, brings maximum happiness and joy.</p> <p>* Getting your mind right first, gives you a much better chance at getting your life right afterwards.</p> <p><b>Anim6:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> Elder Packer</p> <p>Eternalism clarifies the rules for consistent thinking and action in your life.</p>
7	<p><b>Q: When you hear the word mysteries what do you think of?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> The Bible Dictionary accurately describes two different meanings.</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b></p> <p>In the negative sense: Idle Speculation</p> <p>In the positive sense: Truth no longer hidden.</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> <b>Alternate definitions</b> where a word has multiple meanings, it causes people to talk past each other.</p> <p>* In the battle of ideas, definitions are on the front lines.</p> <p>* In this course we will see other examples of this, which is why we should first be careful about our definitions before we build a discussion on them.</p> <p><b>VIDEO LINK:</b> Click on "The Princess Bride" picture.</p>
8	<p><b>Q: Why Eternalism?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> President Hinkley</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> Elder Ballard</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> Elder Packer</p> <p>We have known too many intelligent people become inactive, or leave the church, because they disagree with something that from our perspective we Latter-day saints don't actually believe...In other words, it appears they are leaving the <b>WRONG CHURCH</b>.</p>
9	<p>The plan of salvation incorporates all levels of Gospel Understanding:</p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> For our purposes, let's consider the gospel in 3 levels: <b>Beginning</b>, <b>Intermediate</b>, and <b>Advanced</b>.</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> On the surface are Basic Gospel Principles we learn in Primary (such as Faith, Repentance, and Baptism)</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> In the middle are Central Doctrinal Teachings (such as The Creation, The Fall, and the Atonement)</p> <p><b>Anim4:</b> At the Inner Core of it all are the deep doctrines of the restoration (such as the nature of God, Man, and the Universe). This is where Eternalism has something to say.</p> <p><b>Q: Why is it important to understand truth at all levels? (Answer on next slides)</b></p>
10	<p><b>QUOTE</b> Elder Maxwell</p>

	<p>Deep changes in people's lives requires deep discipleship, which requires understanding of deep core doctrine.</p> <p><b>Anim:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> D&amp;C 6:11</p> <p>* In Eternalism we use the word mystery from D&amp;C 6:11 in the sense of "valuable core doctrine".</p> <p>* Eternalism gives you the tools to understand universal truth at all levels.</p>
11	<p><b>QUOTE</b> Elder Hugh B. Brown</p> <p>Having a testimony is not the same as knowing the Gospel.</p> <p><b>Q: What is the danger in a gap between your testimony and your knowledge of the gospel?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1:</b></p> <p>The flower represents big blooming testimonies.</p> <p>The roots are your gospel understanding.</p> <p>Gospel knowledge is miracle grow for the roots and bloom.</p> <p>Knowing the gospel is true is not the same as knowing the gospel. Without knowing the Gospel your testimony can be shaken by things you thought you had a testimony of but turned out to misunderstand.</p> <p>* Woodruff Quote "many cat's to be let out of the bag"</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> Joseph Fielding McConkie</p> <p>Regarding Gospel Understanding levels.</p> <p>* Those who stick to surface understanding are liable to tip over.</p> <p>* Those who get roots down to core doctrines can withstand the storms.</p>
12	<p><b>Q: Have you ever come home from church having been largely uninformed?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> President Kimball</p> <p><b>Q: When you teach, do you give a new vision, or is it the same things over and over, but perhaps just presented in a new way?</b></p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> President Kimball</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> President Kimball</p> <p><b>Q: When do we need to do to move forward?</b></p>
13	<p><b>Anim1:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> President Harold B. Lee</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> President Brigham Young...Theology is just another branch of science.</p> <p>Prerequisite1: for our Eternalism study.A strong desire to become a seeker of truth...Become profound theologian (as Brigham Young says) and extend our horizons as far as the Gospel is concerned.</p>
14	<p>Correct understanding of Core Doctrine gives a heightened awareness of false traditions and teachings (that are all around us).</p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> Bruce R. McConkie...Struggling with False Doctrine is part of our mortal experience.</p> <p><b>Q: Does this statement make anyone nervous? Why do you think the savior gave us the parable of "The Wheat and the Tares?"</b></p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> George Q. Cannon...Latter-day Saints are not immune from entertaining false views.</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> <b>QUOTE</b> Joseph Smith...Deceived if you expect perfection at this stage of the game.</p>
15	<p>Questions? Rating?</p>