

SLIDE	NOTES
1	TITLE
2	<p>Q: Why has philosophy sometimes had a bad reputation?</p> <p>Anim1: QUOTE Colossians 2:8</p> <p>Anim2: QUOTE Elder Wickman</p> <p>Anim3: QUOTE Elder Hartman Rector Jr.</p> <p>Philosophy has sometimes been associated with corruption (for good reason).</p>
3	<p>We are going to be discussing philosophical terms and concepts as spoken by scriptures and prophets.</p> <p>Definition: Philosophy...knowledge=man + reality (or existence, or universe)</p>
4	<p>Brigham Young (and others) actually admonished us to become philosophers.</p> <p>Anim1: QUOTE Brigham Young</p> <p>Not only should we <i>NOT</i> avoid philosophy, we should progress beyond the understanding of children and actually become philosophers.</p> <p>Anim2: QUOTE Brigham Young All true philosophy belongs to the gospel</p> <p>Anim3: QUOTE Brigham Young Everything God does is philosophical</p> <p>Anim4: QUOTE Brigham Young Mormonism is beautiful to our reasoning.</p>
5	<p>QUOTE John Taylor</p> <p>Q: Is he telling us to avoid the mysteries?</p> <p>You will recognize from a the previous module discussion he is talking about the "Core Doctrine" definition and not the "Tinfoil Hat" definition.</p>
6	<p>Paul, Peter, Aristotle</p> <p>Anim1: QUOTE Paul</p> <p>If you can rightly divide truth, you can also wrongly divide truth...and make a mess of your life.</p> <p>Anim2: QUOTE Peter...Bearing testimony is necessary but not sufficient...You must also be able to answer hard questions with reason.</p> <p>Anim3: QUOTE Aristotle...We must be able to defend ourselves with reason.</p>
7	<p>* Q: Really? Aristotle? What do you think the first presidency would say about quoting such non-Latter-day Saint philosophers?</p> <p>Anim1: Actually, the first presidency claims these reformers and philosophers received moral truths from God to enlighten whole nations...The tide that raises all boats.</p> <p>Anim2: Brigham said anyone who is reasonable and intelligent is a Latter-Day Saint but just doesn't know it yet.</p>
8	<p>QUOTE Ayn Rand...Everyone has a philosophy whether conscious about it or not.</p> <p>Anim1: QUOTE Ayn Rand...Philosophy is the fundamental force shaping everything.</p> <p>Anim2: QUOTE 1st Thessalonians 5:21...Be on the lookout for everything and prove everything. If you are seeking for truth, be unafraid of what you may find.</p>

	Anim3: QUOTE David O. McKay...Speaking to the missionaries...The world is hungry for true philosophy
9	When you hear the word "philosophy" in a negative context, translate that to "they are talking about corrupt philosophy, not a true philosophy as modern prophets counsel us."
10	<p>* The goal of true philosophy is to systematizing your thinking.</p> <p>* However, the default that nature gives you is a Shotgun approach like a pile of random books...Each one comes in as a one-off to be evaluated individually and thrown onto the reference pile.</p> <p>Q: How should we approach the gaining of knowledge?</p>
11	<p>QUOTE President Brigham Young We're going to be approaching philosophy as not the information itself, but the orderly structure for storing the information. It gives you structure for understanding all the knowledge that comes in so you can quickly digest and it put it in its place.</p> <p>Anim1: The whole goal is thinking systematically and in correct principles</p>
12	Philosophy is also a lie detector. Philosophy gives you a set of tools for determining error. These tools help you evaluate whether something is true and how it fits into your overall systematic thinking.
13	<p>Q: So what does the Restored Gospel have to do with Philosophy?</p> <p>Anim1: QUOTE Elder B. H. Roberts...The restored gospel is a philosophy as well as a religion.</p> <p>Q: What truths does Mormonism concern itself with?</p> <p>Anim2: QUOTE President Brigham Young) Everything! That is quite an ambitious undertaking don't you think? The restored gospel has to align with all current truth, and any new truth that comes along that we are not even aware of yet!</p>
14	<p>QUOTE Elder B. H. Roberts All truth is owned by Mormonism yet this truth was revealed haphazardly, bit by bit, without an orderly sequence. Joseph Smith (and subsequent Prophets) asked various questions and received various answers at various times.</p> <p>* When Mormonism even owns truth not yet revealed, this presents a bit of a dilemma when we receive it and struggle to know how to integrate it with the rest of what we have.</p> <p>QUOTE Elder B. H. Roberts Our love of the gospel comes from the underlying knowledge of truth. Without an orderly system of classifying truth, we are stuck with treating each truth we come across individually as a "one off", "new thing" to evaluate. If we could organize all these truths into an orderly system that is easily grasped and categorized, then we would be greatly benefitted.</p>
15	Combining the admonitions from Brigham Young (systematic principle) + Elder B.H. Roberts (orderly system of Philosophy) into a single mission statement.
16	Prerequisites are met...We are now ready to begin.
17	Questions? Rating?