

SLIDE	NOTES
1	TITLE In this module we conclude and summarize Metaphysics in preparation for moving onto Epistemology.
2	* We summarize 6 points regarding the absolutism of Reality (Primacy of Reality) that are opposite to Mysticism and the Primacy of Consciousness. * From here on throughout the rest of the course these become tools in our toolbox...When we show up to class we are expected to bring them with them and use them in our analysis.
3	Creatio ex Materia vs Creatio ex Nihilo Anim1: Quote Ayn Rand Anim2: Quote Abraham 3:24 Anim3: Quote Joseph Smith
4	Matter Indestructible vs Matter Destructible Anim1: Quote Ayn Rand Anim2: Quote President Brigham Young Anim3: Quote D&C 93:29-34
5	Unchangeable Eternal Laws vs Changeable Natural Laws Anim1: Quote President John Taylor Anim2: Quote Elder Orson Pratt Anim3: Quote President Brigham Young Anim4: Quote President Wilford Woodruff
6	Law of Identity vs Mysticism Anim1: Quote Ayn Rand Anim2: Quote Eder Erastus Snow
7	Law of Causality vs Mysticism Anim1: Quote Ayn Rand Anim2: Quote President Brigham Young Anim3: Quote President John Taylor Anim4: Quote Elder Heber C. Kimball
8	Lawful Miracles vs Supernatural Miracles Q: What about Jesus walking on water, raising the dead, turning water into wine? Don't we believe in Miracles? Yes, but not in a supernatural, Primacy of Consciousness way... Anim1: Quote Elder James E. Talmage Anim2: Quote President Brigham Young Anim3: Quote Elder George Q. Cannon Anim4: Quote Carl Sagan The self-proclaimed agnostic, Carl Sagan, looked up at the vastness of the universe, marveling at the time-scale and vast potential of unknown things out there. He concluded potentially the existence of beings millions or billions of years ahead of us in knowledge.
9	Q: So what does this mean practically as we interpret scripture or other concepts? Anim1: When you show up to any learning opportunity, whether you know it or not, your primacy issues and framework is already part of you and you interpret concepts accordingly.

	<p>For example:</p> <p>Anim2: Quote Mark 9:23 Are you reading this in an ABSOLUTE context of blind faith (belief) where anything can happen if you just believe strongly enough...Including supernatural miracles that break the laws of reality? Or Are you interpreting it in a real since that everything must follow the laws of reality?</p> <p>Anim3: Quote Luke 13:37 Q: Is God a Supernatural being (Outside The Box) making up the rules as he goes along who can do absolutely anything, or is he a lawful being obeying the rules of reality?</p> <p>Anim4: Quote Matthew 17:20 * If God is outside of reality, then he can manipulate all the laws at will (in an absolute sense) and we have to blindly check our reason at the door. * If God is inside the box, then he can do anything possible within the laws of reality, and we start looking for evidence via our reason.</p> <p>Anim5: PRACTICE Q: As you read the following scripture, how will you interpret the words in yellow?</p> <p>Anim6: Quote Mark 11:23-24 [move mountains] * A "God Outside The Box" perspective naturally leads to undercut reason and replace it with heart, emotions, desires, etc. giving you the incentive to petition the God of the universe to change the rules for you, like a magic genie that grants the desires of your heart.</p> <p>* This is why we need to show up to the scriptures with a consistent set of philosophical tools. We have to understand these, and other scriptures from a proper Ontological Framework if we are going to interpret them correctly.</p> <p>* You can't just take a single scripture and run with it, dropping context. Anything you take and run with must cohere with everything else you believe.</p>
10	<p>Here is our progress in building philosophy man.</p> <p>Anim1: We started with the AXIOMS that are "Self-Evident Facts"...The starting point or ground upon which everything else is built.</p> <p>Anim2: We just finished the foundational leg...METAPHYSICS which are "Self-Existing Facts" describing reality including Man's life. We showed evidence for the Ontological Framework of "<i>God-inside-the-box</i>" or the "Primacy of Existence".</p> <p>We will next continue to build philosophy man with:</p> <p>Anim3: EPISTEMOLOGY .. Which are discovered facts dealing with truth. In doing this you can't drop the context that all these higher branches of philosophy depend on a metaphysical component being present.</p>
11	<p>* In summary, we are going to be taught by one of the great modern philosophers: Sponge Bob.</p> <p>VIDEO (Sponge Bob)</p> <p>* Reality always has the final say. We can skip work pretending we are just taking a break.</p> <p>* We can go to the carnival of horrors pretending it is free cheese. But in the end reality always asserts itself.</p>
12	<p>HOMEWORK: In preparation for moving on to Epistemology, we have a homework assignment...List the frustrations you encounter throughout the day.</p>
13	<p>Questions? Rating?</p>