ETERNALISM SLIDE NOTES: MODULE_21

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| 1 | TITLE In this module we continue into ETHICS describing the primacy issue of LIFE and LOVE. |
| 2 | * In this module, we turn our attention to Aristotle's FORMAL CAUSE: "into which something is made". That "something" from a value ethics perspective is our own ETERNAL LIFE. * Life (not love) is the STANDARD by which all Value Ethics are measured Why is the primacy issue between love and life? So why does the Eternalism primacy issue involve LIFE vs LOVE? Isn't love also a value? Remember that primacy is not an either-or proposition, but a question of which comes first in the ordering. Much of the secular and religious perspective today is erroneously giving love primacy over everything else. * Eternalism also claims that love is a value, but that life has primacy over love. * This is because life is metaphysically established by existence, whereas love is epistemologically established by consciousness. Anim: Value Ethics isn't complicated to understandJust study pansies. |
| 3 | VALUES Simply stated Good = Life Sustaining Evil = Life Destroying |
| 4 | All the Ethical requirements are even printed on the packet. * Notice the Ethical requirements don't mention LOVE, but instead list the requirements for LIFE |
| 5 | VIRTUES Virtues = right actions Vices = wrong actions |
| 6 | * Different life types have a different code of RightAll with their own individual requirements for LIFE * As LIFE'S requirements differ so does the GOOD/RIGHT code (listed on their life packet) * Plants and animals have valuesjust not moral values |
| 7 | Existential proofExperiment (read) |
| 8 | ResultsNotice this is not a love or hate issue! * Notice it doesn't matter if the plant self-identifies as a fungus and wants to be treated as such. * Notice it doesn't matter if the Turtle Loves the Doorknob and wants to live together. * It is all about the requirements of LIFE |
| 9 | All organisms are continually confronted with Life or Death alternatives * Standard of valueMoral code * For the Turtle * For the Plant * For the Plant * For the mushroom Anim1: Quote Brigham Young's Existential ProofFruits of Life, Fruits of Death Does Brigham's quote bring to mind any similar statements from Christ regarding Fruits? Anim2: Quote Matthew 7:18-20Christ's Existential Proof. Contrary to popular belief we don't separate the fruit from the treeIt is by the fruit that we know the tree. |

| 10 | GOD IS LOVE Anim1: Quotes God is Love (one of the most difficult scriptures in the Bible)If taken unconditionally, it undermines every other gospel standard such as justice, righteousness, etc. |
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| | * Has deadly consequences: Book of Love. Anim2: Quotes * Exodus 32:33 Sinners get blotted outNo mention of Love. |
| | * Revelation 20:15 Written in the Book of Life or elseNo mention of a Book of Love. * Revelation 20:12 Q: Judged by what? Book of Life containing their worksLove not mentioned. |
| 11 | * Mixing up the ends and means is a far too common philosophical and theological mistake. * The great monotheistic religions (Christianity, Judaism, and Islam) when asked what the principle end is, would generally say "God". * Historical Christianity would probably say the principle end is Jesus. * Eternalism teaches that although Christ is NOT a principle END, he is a principle MEANS. |
| | Anim1: Quote Mosiah 3:17 Salvation is the goal, Christ is the means. Anim2: Quote John 5:39 Scriptures are a means to coming to Christ. Anim3: Quote D&C 14:7 Conditional nature of salvation Coming to Christ means keeping His commandments. |
| | Anim4: Quote Three tier structure Anim5: * On a tier1-tier2 level Salvation has primacy over Christ * On a tier2-tier3 level, Christ is the means for achieving Eternal life. |
| | * Salvation is our goal in this life, Christ is the only means, Eternal Life is the actual result IF we obey the conditions Christ has set for obtaining it. |
| 12 | What do you think is the central END described in the Book of Mormon? Anim1: Quote 2 Ne. 2:27 * Lehi puts it out there near the beginning. * Notice no mention of love, emotion, etc. |
| | * If life is conditional everything built on top of life is conditional. |
| | Anim2: * LIFE is the standard of Value for all organismsIt's as if Lucifer wants us to divert our attention from LIFE or DEATH issues. * The Life-Death scale objectiveThe Love-Hate scale is subjective. |
| | Anim3: What do you think is the central MEANS described in the Book of Mormon? Anim4: Quote 2 Ne. 25:26 Nephi puts it out there near the beginning. |
| | * Eternal Life is the End, and Jesus Christ is the means/method. |
| 13 | * The love-hate scale is subjective, whereas the life-death scale is objective. * With universally objective standards based on the requirements of life the question is then: What kind of life do you want? |
| | * Consider the following three broad categories of life being the standard: |
| | Anim1: Brute existence is survival of the fittest (survival) |
| | Anim2: The Good Life (Mortal Happiness)… |

| | The best of Mortal Philosophers raised the bar to a REALITY based temporal happiness. |
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| | Anim3: Eternal Life (Eternal Happiness) The Restoration raises the bar all the wayEternal Happiness that will last forever. |
| | Aristotle, Objectivism, etc. has our MORTAL LIFE as the standard (which is partially true) Eternalism has our ETERNAL LIFE as the standard (which is fully true) How are my actions affecting the next 70 years AND the next million years? |
| 14 | Questions? Rating? |