

SLIDE	NOTES
1	<p>TITLE</p> <p>In this module we finish up with Ethics and conclude our study of the first three branches of Philosophy.</p>
2	<p>* Is it true that our philosophy and our theology center in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?</p> <p>* Does our Philosophical understanding imply that we can get where we want to go without our Theological understanding of Christ?</p> <p>Anim1: Quote John 14:6</p> <p>What does this have to do with the first three branches of philosophy that we have been studying?</p> <p>* Both philosophy and theology are part of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Neither is complete without the other.</p> <p>Anim2: Christ's statement touches on all three branches: metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics.</p> <p>Anim3: The Way deals with Ethics...The implementation of all Eternal Values.</p> <p>Anim4: The Truth deals with Epistemology...The source of all revealed truth.</p> <p>Anim5: The Life deals with Metaphysics...Christ is the source of all organized creations.</p> <p>Before studying Eternalism, would you have understood the profound Philosophical implications of John 14:6?</p> <p>Anim6: Quote Acts 4:12</p> <p>There is no other way.</p>
3	<p>Higher Ways</p> <p>Quote Even a self-proclaimed Agnostic like Carl Sagan looked up at the vastness of the universe and marveled at the time-scale and vast potential of things that are out there.</p> <p>Anim1: Quote Isaiah 55:8-9</p> <p>What branch of philosophy are Thoughts? = Epistemology,</p> <p>What branch of philosophy are Ways? = Ethics</p> <p>Isaiah revealed God's acknowledgment that He is unfathomably ahead of us, both in knowledge (epistemology) and righteous actions (ethics).</p> <p>Anim2: Quote Moses 1:39</p> <p>* Looking out at the vastness of things we don't yet know or understand, there is an incorrect tendency for some to want to proclaim the nothingness of mankind.</p> <p>* The restored gospel of Jesus Christ describes the great importance of mankind, so much so, that an eternal being (God) potentially billions of years ahead of us, has a mission to make mankind become like Him.</p> <p>How does he get us there?</p>
4	<p>Line Upon Line</p> <p>Quote 2 Nephi 28:30</p> <p>Anim1: Quote Charles C. Rich</p> <p>Anim2: Quote Richard G. Scott</p> <p>Gentle promptings = Metaphysics</p> <p>Think, Faith = Epistemology</p> <p>Work, Act = Ethics</p>
5	<p>Pitfalls</p> <p>Quote D&C 82:5</p> <p>Warning...It is not a conspiracy theory if someone <i>actually</i> is out to get you.</p>

	<p>Anim1: Quote D&C 93:39 Anim2: Quote Elder George Q. Cannon Anim3: Quote President John Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We all have these weaknesses and shortcomings (i.e., blind spots and pitfalls) that we must learn how to deal with and eventually overcome. * Part of “pressing forward with a steadfastness in Christ” is our willingness, even eagerness, to expose any undetected blind spots or unforeseen pitfalls that might otherwise make a shipwreck of our faith. * Our Mortal experience is like a game of murder in the dark...with Satan sneaking around in the shadows trying to snag us and destroy us. * Our only preservation is in how close we stay to God, and progress down the path of illumination he has provided for us.
6	<p>Quote President Brigham Young</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Modern philosophers attempt to attack and undermine man's reasoning ability to learn truth using our senses. * Brigham Young is much more optimistic...He understood that each bit of light and knowledge we gain is the springboard to more progression. <p>Anim1: Quote Elder D. Todd Christofferson Some day we will get a fullness of knowledge. Until then...</p> <p>The following discussion describes four levels of gospel progression, each providing increasing levels of illumination.</p> <p>Anim2: The Light of Christ: is the first example of light and intelligence given to all Mankind. * It represents the most basic level of intelligence similar to a candle illuminating a dark room, but leaving numerous blind spots.</p> <p>Anim3: The Holy Ghost: is the next level of light and intelligence, like a 40 watt bulb. * Giving you a working knowledge to better guide your life, but still leaving blind spots to stumble over.</p> <p>Anim4: The Temple Endowment: is the next level of light and intelligence like a 100 watt bulb. * Giving you much fewer blind spots to be ensnared by.</p> <p>Anim5: And so on until the resurrection when the Celestial Worthy receive a fullness of light and intelligence with no blind spots (full spectrum).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A 40 watt bulb can only do 40 watts. If you want more light and power you have to reorganize the filament with higher wattage. * Each reorganization happens through progressive covenants, governed by priesthood ordinances. * The companionship of the Holy Ghost comes only after the ordinance of Baptism where the old person symbolically dies, and the new person is reborn, capable of a higher wattage. * The endowment is the granting of greater power (or wattage). Your filament is changed. * The resurrection is literally a new physical form capable of the full perfected capacity of man.
7	<p>LIGHT OF CHRIST:</p> <p>Anim1: Quote D&C 84:45-46 Anim2: Quote President John Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * As we know some use this light effectively throughout their lives and some neglect it until they no longer even recognize it (a light that shines in the darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not) * All those who do “hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit” will receive more of this enlightening “Spirit” as they accept the everlasting gospel. * But until they do accept the Gospel, Be Baptized and receive the Holy Ghost, there will be numerous blind spots and pitfalls that will go undetected which accounts for all their varying beliefs, values and desires.
8	<p>HOLY GHOST:</p> <p>Anim1: Quote Moroni 10:5</p>

	<p>* The Holy Ghost is to guide us through the snares of this “mist of darkness” called mortality by our holding firmly to the “rod of iron,” “pressing forward with a steadfastness in Christ,” and “feasting upon the word of Christ.”</p> <p>Anim2: Quote Elder Charles Penrose</p> <p>* The Holy Ghost only illuminates based on God's terms, not man's willfulness.</p> <p>* Even Church Members with our numerous spiritual advantages, will encounter many blind spots and pitfalls that must be exposed and overcome.</p>
9	<p>TEMPLE ORDINANCES:</p> <p>Anim1: Quote Joseph Smith</p> <p>Anim2: Quote Elder Daniel H. Wells</p>
10	<p>RESURRECTION:</p> <p>* When the celestial worthy receive a fullness, it will be a time of “full spectrum” light and intelligence with no blind spots, pitfalls, weaknesses or shortcomings.</p> <p>Anim1: Quote D&C 50:24</p> <p>Anim2: Quote D&C 93:28</p> <p>Anim3: Quote D&C 76:94</p> <p>* Those who achieve this exalted existence, have nothing to hide, and no secrets to keep from each other. Every aspect of their society is out in the open for all to see.</p> <p>* They see others perfectly, and others see them perfectly.</p> <p>* To those who are prepared for such an existence, it will be a wonderful, unified place to be. * To those who like deception, and actually have something to hide, it would be miserable existence.</p> <p>Anim4: Quote President John Taylor</p> <p>* Great eternal treasures are promised, but we have to wrestle them from the adversary.</p> <p>* Can't be exalted without resurrection. Christ only after the resurrection said "be perfect as I".</p> <p>So what do we do with this path that is set out before us?</p>
11	<p>BECOME DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH</p> <p>Anim1: Quote D&C 88:81-82</p> <p>Many former Latter-day Saints have left the wrong Church. After someone is taught the rational version of the restoration, and then still decide to abandon it, then at least they know what they are leaving.</p> <p>Anim2: Quote D&C 82:3</p> <p>All the knowledge you have been given means much is required of you to defend truth.</p> <p>Anim3: Quote Parley P. Pratt</p> <p>* As we have discussed throughout this course, the Great Apostasy is all around us, and even creeping in among us.</p> <p>* Let us be ever willing to espouse the truth and expunge the error regardless of how “politically correct” it may or may not appear to be at the time.</p> <p>Anim4: Eternalism has shown various tools to help us in our quest to become Philosophers and Profound Theologians.</p>
12	<p>Questions? Rating?</p>