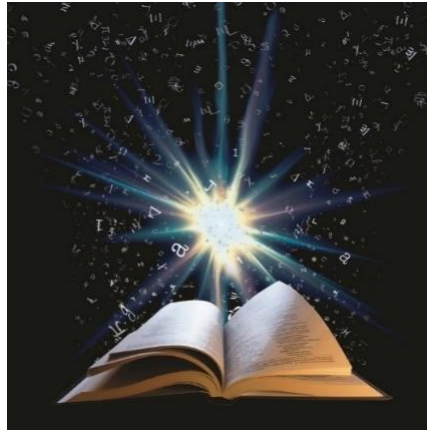


Highlights from
Book of Mormon Lectures at BYU by
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Disclaimer: These highlights are far from representative of the class. He went into great detail not contained here.

Adamic language communicates feelings, read it and you feel it

Columbus saw white Indians (not just albino)

Columbus food not think earth was flat that's a myth

Arabs kept alive math and other arts during the dark ages

Lehi's older daughters already had married Ishmael's sons before that family joined them

The tree of life vision of Lehi taught world history too

Admiral of the ocean seas, book on Columbus

It's great believers who become great scientists, not great doubters

Turn off the TV and read the scriptures

Plants can recognize, respond, discriminate. There is intelligence in all matter, most obey, some do not, some do whatever they want, going strange places, responding contrary to their best interest, etc. Joseph Smith taught this and we have neglected it, now science is finding it.

Book of Mormon shows giving a lecture can be what kids need

Lehi had at least ten kids. 2 more older daughters who married

Ishmael's sons. The 4 sons we read of. Sons and daughters born in wilderness so 4 more.

Arabs used 2 pointers. One for where you should go, another for where you definitely should not go. Nibley points this out.

Much deep doctrine in the church was lost in Cleon's generation as we got away from teachings of the original brethren. They taught after a while after their resurrection, the sons of perdition will lose their bodies, and their spirits as well as the spirit of Satan, go back to element. They lose their identity as an individual says BY .

See Cleon's "working memorandum on the second death"

Fear him that can slay both body and soul. This means fear

God. Only God can disassemble a spirit.

Death is essential to your exaltation. Your spirit reveals what kind of body you can inherit eternally.

Intelligence in element combine and work and act to heal the body, etc. We command a majestic army of intelligence in our bodies.

President Lee says give your sermons from the scriptures.

Nothing wrong with marrying a different race, it was a symbol meaning don't marry another faith, now if you're both the same faith, it's fine. This said intercultural marriages are often discouraged as it's so hard to mix two cultures and we need unity at home.

Dc29:38 my honor is my power says God. Intelligences obey him voluntarily because he is just. If he weren't they wouldn't .

All intelligences have always existed, God is just waking them up.

The atonement satisfied the demands of justice which the intelligences make. They see Christ's sacrifice and they say ok let them in if they try.

Lincoln pardoned a man who fell asleep on guard duty resulting in several deaths because his mother had lost two sons to the war already and she didn't want to lose this her last. Lincoln heard this and agreed to let him go.

BY says intelligence is what provides energy in an atom.

JS taught the doctrine of graduated intelligences to the 12 and their wives etc. See their journals for what that is.

Element is to be acted upon, intelligence is to act.

Being a philosophy scholar is about bouncing around from one philosopher to the next finding the fallacies of their arguments. You find all the great philosophers had fallacies.

With the gospel however, we have the truth plain and simple.

References to Joseph in last days were taken out of bible.

America is the base of operations for the latter days The Book of Mormon says a king will never be allowed to come in and conquer and rule there in the Book of

Mormon says the great threat to America is from within if we can keep our own people righteous will never have a problem with foreigners

Similar to how God gets his power from the intelligences that honor him a good Bishop gets his authority from above but gets his power from the people doing what he says from Cara carrying out their callings and a good prophet gets his power from people doing what he says sustaining and honoring him

Before Armageddon there must be the temple built in Jerusalem

He believes that the dome of the Rock will be destroyed by its own people by a bomb in a time of war after that the Jews would immediately move in and build their Temple there

A political leader named David in Jerusalem built the temple there and prepares the Jews for Christ coming and when Christ has come as a supernatural being it surprises them because a lot of them don't believe in religion they just study the Bible as a historical archaeological political text

The Jesus Christ Superstar production was made by Jews making fun of the prophetic first coming of Christ doing everything they could to tear it down and belittle it

There's one verse in the Book of Mormon about the endowment Jacob says that when you go through the veil at the time of Resurrection to be introduced to the Celestial Kingdom it won't be representative there will be the Lord himself

You'll make personal contact with him there

Those who deny conspiracy deny the prophets

The Freeman institute he set up would take issues and present both sides on them

Joel and Isaiah appear to describe an era of atomic warfare

Isaiah speaks of the daughters of Zion losing their hair Joel speaks of what once was like a Garden of Eden becoming desolate from fire which won't grow any more crops etcetera

2 hours a day in front of a TV should be the absolute maximum or else you won't know the scriptures and you will waste your life. Don't get addicted to watching sports.

Things that we know are false we shouldn't waste our time with we shouldn't give our audience for at our schools I don't have time for that if people want to look it up on their own time fine but don't be bringing these crazy lecturers into the schools like many universities do people who teach that $2 * 2$ is 7

Nothing is as rewarding as discovery. Once you know the scriptures, they are more exciting than watching sports.

Nonfiction is much more exciting than fiction.

We have poor taste and judgement if we think literature with swear words is good.

The lectures on faith were done too fast, lots of errors in them,

Joseph gained great insight after writing those.

Nephi wrote of a cross supposedly years before the world knew of it as it came to be among Romans. But now we have discovered many prophets spoke of the cross and such was the sign associated with Christ know to MANY.

It's not bad to have wealth many are able to school etc by gift of those who have.

Woodruff said yes plural marriage is an eternal principle but it's only to be used when God says.

God made the world by speaking to the elements, telling them what to do. Despise not the revelations of God some people don't want to talk about what they call the mysteries but it's plainly taught in the Book of Mormon. Jacob says to come to a perfect understanding of the atonement.

Jacob talks about commanding things by the priesthood and them obeying you.

The parable of the Olive tree Jacob teaches Christ of the servant heavenly father is the master of the vineyard some interpreted to mean that profits are the servant and crisis the master this is not so

The father comes in on the last dispensation and helps this is seen by Heavenly Father appearing to Joseph Smith it's the only different station he does this that's one of the keys to show that the master of the vineyard is the father the servant of the vineyard is Christ

The good soil spoken of in the Olive tree parable is America

Another transplant in the olive parable is the Lost tribes whom we have no idea where are

They were bad soil their pasta sides when they left but apparently they produce good fruit after Jesus visited them

The transplants one of them is the Lost tribes another is the Nephites and he does not know what the other is

Sherem was an antichrist that made people feel good about their sins this is what Sigmund Freud and other behavioral psychologists do they said don't worry about it you're just human everything's all right you'll go crazy if you don't give an outlet to these tensions in you they say.

But you should not get angry you should not beat the pillow.

Feelings should never be let go.

People adopt these philosophies and they become immoral hippies they say they are free but they've also become cheap they used to have value. They want to be free but there is no freedom except under law they become a slave to their appetites. They can't keep a job they have to beg for food that is not freedom there is no Independence in that. They're not free to have a nice family and be affectionate or to hold a job.

Gospel is Anglo-Saxon for good news about God. Gospel in

Greek is evangelism. Evangelists are called Patriarchs because they say here's the good news for you here's what happens for you if you embrace the gospel.

Jacob was somewhere between six and eight years old when he saw the Christ the youngest of anyone we know

Jesus denounce his deathbed repentance when he says thou

fool this night shall thy soul be required of thee

When Enos prayed the Lord didn't come right away and say it's okay you're forgiven it took all day of praying before God made him feel free of his sins

Enos and Melchizedek how to preach to their people about forthcoming destruction and war to keep them in line and it worked.

The spirit has to be just right to teach special things otherwise people can't handle it often they're not ready

You have to have the spirit of the Lord with you and doing research or it doesn't go well

People rail on the law of Moses has a terrible inhumane system but that's not the case God doesn't work that way and in his research has shown that.

The adamic language was so efficient that a few small marks gave entire paragraphs as evidenced by the large history on the 24 plates of the Jaredites

Nephites originally spoke Hebrew and the Mulekites spoke

Hebrew the only reason they wrote an Egyptian was brevity

A theory of language learning by someone who knew 11 languages was practice the way the baby does which is learning the shout words, "go say see stop go run" all those things which is the fundamentals of language about half of the language then you manipulate those and you find that many languages have similar cores hereby

Joseph Smith got the Urim and Thummim which the Jaredites had not the one which Moses and Aaron had

Brigham Young says whatever laws you have enforced them strictly and you can live in peace

The Book of Mormon says this too, to enforce laws strictly.

Apply them to everyone regardless of rank. No helping friends, all equal. You can only keep people in law for so long until a progressive group rises and raised funds to put in someone who is permissive.

Anyone who participates in prostitution is immediately punished.

Crime can be eliminated anywhere.

King Benjamins salary cost no one any tax money.

Samuel wrote a book for how to have the best king system you can when people refuse judge system. We don't have that book.

People should spend time on providing, family, building God's kingdom, community service, & political participation. Most spend 99 percent of their time on making money, a tiny bit on family, and none on God's work or the community.

Republic by Plato says get rid of crime via dictatorship. Marx and others tried it.

Moses says no money can be paid in damages for murder.

Means it could be paid for other crimes. The worth of that eye for an eye is negotiated etc.

Not a penny should go to judges, payments go all to the victim.

Judges owe nothing to you but they owe to God to administer justice.

Exile, not death, was the punishment for Sabbath breaking etc.

It's that if you remain, you do so at the risk of your life.

Deliberately lying waiting and killing is shedding innocent blood, no forgiveness in the atonement for that.

In Canada and Delaware you can elect to be heated by a strap rather than go to jail for a misdemeanor so you don't lose your job etc. Those who take the strap hardly ever commit the crime again.

natural man is an enemy to God our bodies are programmed for survival to eat when it wants to sleep when it wants to breed when it wants but we must subject our body to the spirit we must gain control over the intelligences when the body says play we say study this self-mastery and spiritual rebirth is the best alarm clock

President Lee told missionaries you have never been born again I can tell when you have been born again you have a sweet spirit

A person of compassion and mercy and peace rather than war.

Fun and vigorous but anxious to help others and not offensive and able to use righteous indignation from time to time let's put your arm around them afterwards and say it was not because you're angry at them but angry at what was going on

This is a priesthood culture pattern and presently would tell these missionaries that many of them are not on the path 2 spiritual rebirth

In King Benjamin sermons never does he tell them to be baptized because they're all members of the church they've already been baptized

Enos prays for a long time and eventually suddenly Christ changes him to have a childlike Joy a feeling of Chastity and cleanness and heinous wonders how did that sudden transformation happen and learns it's by the power of Christ

The spiritually born again can be on two very different sites of the opinion on a matter yet they can talk about it without becoming contentious and they make suggestions to each other rather than commands and they both realize that they could both be in error to some extent.

King Benjamin speaks of both the abominable rich and the abominable poor the abominable Rich are selfish. If people gain their wealth by exploitation and robbery of the widow they will go to hell. The abominable poor are the covetous lazy poor. The abominable poor want the goods of others to be taken and given to them.

As a bishop half of the people coming to you for money will be unworthy poor. The aim of the church is to help people with bare essentials while helping them work through their problems. If you give to people more than they need or deserve you corrupt them.

There's some people who essentially want to be poor they don't want to work and the government says that's not allowed for severity 1 to not be poor but the Lord's plan has always been that those who do not work do not eat.

The gentile Christians are the wild branches which were grafted in and the Bible saves the roots.

It is much easier to convert someone who has the Bible than to convert a Buddhist.

Benjamin was eventually invaded by the Lamanites and he fought with the sword of Laban.

Joseph Smith said all the Old testament prophets had the

Melchizedek priesthood and we're ordained by someone who had authority or by God himself

Plural marriage is only instituted for the purpose of raising up seed and it has very strict limitations and only very righteous people are instructed to do it most cannot handle it.

The Melchizedek priesthood opens the heavens to have visions Revelations and the higher ordinances

Keeping the commandments today does the same thing as the living the law of Moses did back then it makes you eligible for salvation it doesn't in and of itself save you

Isaiah 53 is the only chapter in the Old testament describes didn't rip out because they thought it was a myth that first coming of the submissive Christ. Nephi taught the doctrine and they tried to kill him. Zenos Zenif etc. spoke of this and are removed from the bible, spoken of in Book of Mormon.

There'll be a righteous politician among the Jews named David who builds the temple and prepares the Jews for the coming of Christ I do not entirely because they're still taken by surprise at the Mount of Olives when they see Christ.

Two Mormon Jews will be the prophets holding back the enemies by fire.

We can have the large plates of Nephi which have the greater part of the teachings of Christ to the Nephites if we believe what we have this makes us worthy of getting more we need a generation of people ready to receive it.

All you have to do to qualify to get these large plates of Nephi is no The Book of Mormon very well. Know all of the names and places etc.

Hyrum Andrus almost by Braille can quickly find scriptures.

Bring all the standard works to church and have them open turning to passages which are referenced

Ed J Pinegar caught the vision of the Book of Mormon and though he works as a dentist he spends his time learning the gospel and is now able to teach it powerfully is not complacent

We God's children are super intelligences and by doing all we can however imperfect we can be resurrected and exalted through the atonement of Christ.

Why not speak of the atonement of Christ we haven't done it for over 100 years in this church

Some of our manuals say the way the atonement works as a mystery and it is to people who don't know how it works. But the Lord revealed it. The early brethren talked about it and we lost it in the church. Losing the real meaning of the atonement destroys the entire foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that's why his generation struggled in darkness.

When people say we don't know why but the atonement is supposed to work that is an insult to the Lord.

It's like Jacob said he wants to teach the people the good things but when they're so busy being immoral he can't open that up as much.

Currently we can only talk about the mysteries in smaller settings the prophets when they're making worldwide speeches they have to focus on the basics that everyone's messing up.

Sometimes people say Joseph Smith was the spiritual one and Brigham Young the practical one but this is not a correct representation Brigham Young was very spiritual he was able to explain clearly what it looks like when you crossed over the veil and the priesthood organization there etc. Brigham Young went there.

One-time Brigham Young was very aggravated with the Saints and he said I can't wait for all of you to die there's some hope with your children. He told them they were lazy.

James talmage and others who got the church schools going did so at Great sacrifice they got paid much less than they were supposed to be paid like \$300 a year instead of \$1,200 and often were paid in things like potatoes and wanted for a coat.

Alma the younger was only 30 years old when he was made profit and judge 9 years later he gave up the judgment seat to preach full time

Any fight law you can believe whatever you want but once you start saying people don't have to obey the law and trying to corrupt them actively that's a different story

In the law of Moses you're cut off from among the people when you destroyed the culture you are exiled and if you returned you did so at the peril of your life

Korihor did not sin against the Holy Ghost because he had never had a revelation from God

Once you don't have the spirit of the Lord anymore you no longer know that two plus two equals four to argue that it could be seven that there is the possibility

If someone has lost the spirit of the Lord don't waste your time trying to convince them that the church is true or that the Book of Mormon is true just cry repentance

Don't try to reason with them because the lights are out and they won't get it

Talk to them about what's happening in their personal life that's causing them to lose the spirit of the Lord

Only once they're on the right track can they get the spirit of the Lord

Niche sincerely started out trying to find truth from a religious standpoint but he got so frustrated with it that he abandoned it all and went to the other side and became very materialist and went insane. It's all anyone stronger than someone else had the right to dominate.

Benjamin Franklin had two illegitimate sons he was writing to them in his old age and he told them it was because he didn't have guidance in his early life he hadn't found God yet.

Jefferson was unhappy with religion of his day but he along with the other founding fathers came to the first temple in the mountains which was the Saint George temple and requested his work to be done.

They were all ordained as Elders except George Washington was ordained as a high priest due to instruction at the vail to do so.

Washington had so many spiritual experiences.

It's never been proven that the simple made the complex as evolution claims

Korihor taught evolution that everything came about by chance without God.

There is no other way that people can have peace other than by agreeing to obey God no alliance or treaty or standard of ethics to remain uncorrupted by Lucifer unless the people have made promises to God.

Lucifer has always emphasized that God is a spirit and entity not an anthropomorphic person.

Many people don't know that their churches support the idea of God not having a body not being in the form of human.

They were probably charging money to go up to the high stand for the praying as they were practicing priestcraft.

It says he clapped his hands this is referring to placing his hands on their heads so they can do missionary work.

When missionaries have the spirit they can know where to turn where to go who to talk to

Tower Rameumptum was church members who had almost become completely atheistic

It's good to Bear your testimony but you also need to do it, does which is explain things

Whosoever believeth on him shall not perish. To believe on him means to keep his commandments.

Alma the great prophet chief judge general humbly sat upon the ground to teach people the gospel.

It was nine years after the angel first appeared to Alma the younger that the angel appeared again to guide him to Amulek.

Alma 34 and on the 42 and Moses three and DNC 88 and DNC 93 speak of the following: the just laws do not allow for one man to pay for another man's sins. What's going on is invoked compassion from the great suffering of Christ.

The scripture says God commanded and waited to be obeyed. this shows us there is intelligence acting in the matter following the instruction of God.

If a person comes into a greenhouse and tears up a plant the plants can recognize that person when he comes back into the room we can measure the plants response to him differently than two others on a polygraph. This is another demonstration that matter has intelligence.

Things we call the laws of nature are just patterns set up by God which God can change.

Note it makes sense that there would be a different set of physical laws for each of the different kingdoms of heaven one for the highest one for the middle one for the lower.

Oliver Cowdery lead a Campbellite church congregation and the Lord told him I have called you to do a great work and now I'm calling you to do a greater work so we see that the Lord is pleased with the efforts of various denominations and the Lord is commanded us not to speak against specific denominations only against the devil.

The brass plates which Laban had were started by Joseph and Egypt and passed down from generation to generation until they came to Laban and those plates serves to convert thousands of laminates.

The language of Adam the pure language you could ride it as fast as people talk and it was so powerful that the emotion of the writer was experienced by the reader

It was the undefiled language of God that was hot on Earth until the Tower of Babel and the Jaredites were allowed to keep it and they brought it to America Hebrew is the closest we can find

It used to be that church members were supposed to discuss secular issues in church but the adversary has confused so many people that they can't talk about it with it without becoming highly emotional. So since president Lee we've been instructed to just focus on the pure gospel when we're at church so we don't get split apart. You are expected to learn about secret combinations but don't use Church channels to vent about it.

Witchcraft and Satanic worship is becoming popular again lots of high political figures etc. do the rituals this is fulfilling what Christ said that in the last days it would be like the days of Noah.

Anyone who has access to a Urim and Thummim is a seer but there is only one person at a time who gives Revelation for the church. The word seer means someone who has access to and works the Urim and Thummim. It suggests that all of the apostles fit in this category.

The Church of the devil is a collection of organizations armies navies military power that infiltrates universities churches governments etc. In the temple we get the outline for how Satan orchestrates his secret combinations in the last days.

Frequency and recency are the two principles for memory acquisition.

Class attendance is very important to get perspectives there that you don't get from just studying the text.

Alma 38 Enfield council for returned missionaries often about half of returned missionaries stop doing the work of the Lord.

The council is to be diligent and temperate and to keep studying the gospel keep writing about it keep teaching and preaching about it. You have to adjust your life so that you have time to stay active in the kingdom of God.

The ladder of success: when you're mean and cutthroat and cheating and putting others down that are in your way so you have to avoid that temptation because it will give you more temporal success. Don't become dominant or bully people that you preside over in your workplace etc. People that work for you should like you and you should not see yourself as smarter and better than them.

Without intelligence humans are much more vicious and terrible than other types of life; much more programmed to seek their needs at all cost, God expects us to keep this in check.

Court a woman in the temple, aka always keep the temple between you, determine for marriage there have those standards (perhaps literally attend temple with her as a courting activity? Yes and no. Socializing there is limited, but I could see it having a role in courting.)

Young men around 18 19 can be madly in love with a woman yet be very reluctant to make commitments, there is much uncertainty in their near future, the mission, perhaps military, etc. But when they return they are ready to commit, it's different. Return missionaries can be overzealous about getting married so be careful. This young man often only has hope to offer, but for many women that's all they want, they can work with that.

Often people can promise to each other before a mission and write during the mission this can be a beautiful thing.

Sometimes she waits, sometimes not. A man can change a lot on his mission, he may become much more serious and refined than he was before.

Man needs to be respected by his wife for doing something well. She needs to listen to his work, to be interested in what he does, to compliment him on how good he is doing with his work, to be able to really be impressed by his work and take analytical interest in it. She builds that respect in him, she tells him where he is great, this helps him find himself and advance.

Women need men to tell them they are great and loved.

Nagging kills love.

Shiblon was told to bridle his passions.

Some women are so desperate to be possessed by man that they throw themselves at man, and would rather have pleasure with him than remain worthy. Keep the emotion in control, on a bridle.

Coriantum was immoral, he was told not only to repent, but to get back to missionary work.

Brigham Young visited the spirit world and said it's almost a temptation to want to go there prematurely it's so great.

Spirit prison is captivity of your guilt.

If you've abused your body when you get it again in the resurrection it will be rebellious just like it was when you laid it down. The body will rise perfect in the resurrection but you'll still have to overcome the rebellious miss that you put into that body.

In Joseph Smith's journal he says he spent evenings carefully studying the book of Mormon He would not have done this if it was his own book that he wrote

Anyone who says Joseph Smith wrote the book of Mormon has never thoroughly read it

The deeper you go in the gospel the more thrilling it is

God glorifies the spirit and uses that as the catalyst to glorify the body this is why there needed to be a separation of body and spirit in God's plan

DNC 88 explains this that if we were immoral in this life we would be stuck with these fallen bodies forever

It says whoever has a Celestial Spirit will get a celestial body and that glory is the power by which the body is quickened V26-38

They're absolutely scientifically has to be an atonement if God tried to save us himself he would see to be God he has to uphold justice His power entails being honored by the intelligences in the universe

Alma 42 God can cease to be God. The reason why is Alma 34.

We don't know how many planets the atonement of Christ applies to there is a suggestion in the doctrine and covenants that it is 12 others that are in this same contingent group of our fathers family but it could be much more

Brigham Young said Every contingent group of Heavenly father's children have their own savior and their own devil see discourses of Brigham Young compiled by Widstoe under savior or devil

if God were to introduce any compulsion in his plan there would be civil war and rebellion

(Note perhaps we must consider this in our own parenting methods; perhaps the reason there is so much diversity here is because there was lots of diversity there; full access to agency; full permission to do as you wish, with the

knowledge that at some point you'll be removed from God's presence for rebellion)

All things are possible to the father only if he does them the right way this is why the atonement was not optional if we were to be saved

Whenever you are ambushed the best thing is to fight back because they're trying to trap you. So you can't just run

the 4th generation what is equal to 400 years they use those terms interchangeably in Scripture

(Note this brings great significance to the prophecy of that generation shall not pass when the Jews return therefore we know the Christ coming is at hand)

There's a great sorrow that comes along with being a prophet even if I saw the future is so overcome with sorrow he could hardly even speak to his brothers whom he knew where are the fathers of those who would wipe out his posterity

The brass plates restore the knowledge that Moses was translated the Bible doesn't give us that

If you know history of scripture the doctrine will fit right in you'll know how to find it better etc.

Lucifer was very sincere when presenting his plan. Likewise many promote fallen ideas today thinking it's the better way.

States have become nothing more than arms of the federal government we have centralized like the founding fathers and Book of Mormon warned against.

Collectivism always leads to war.

If You have a righteous leader collectivism can work but that's rare.

Satan always pushes for a government of King so you can most easily destroy things that way but when he can't get that he goes underground with secret combinations and that's what's going on right now.

The Book of Mormon says if you don't rise up against this power it'll take over you well we didn't rise up and it has

We need to know good government so that when others fail and they say we hear you guys know about good government give it a try we can step up and do it

He had an organization called the Freeman's institute which put out articles giving both sides of issues

Speaks of the mound builders as Book of Mormon people

Around 2,300 BC the Lord quickly divided the continents You can see the skid marks, and those marks indicate a fast separation

The book speaks of House of cement this is not mean concrete. It means rocks put together with a cement. These houses deteriorate after around 400 years

J Edgar Hoover had a pamphlet called the Communist attack on youth it was about how they were trying to infiltrate the youth by getting them to do exactly the opposite of whatever the parents' generation said this is what happened in the 60s they base this plan off of Cuba they told the youth if the parents use clean language you use foul if the parents have long clothes you have short if the parents dress nice you dress poorly everything the opposite and it worked

Watch out because when you get into the world into business into government into your professions they're going to tell you that the way the real world works is not the way you learned and they're going to try to get you to throw out everything you know to be good and true but they're pragmatists philosophy and you have to be willing to get set back and to not participate

Gangs often work such that you get sworn in and then you start getting money and you're one of the brothers then they tell you to go kill someone or be killed

There or many kings named Nephi the reason the book points out first second third fourth Nephi is because it's showing the greatness those are the greatest Nephi's

Not long ago for making X-rated films would have gone to prison for 15 years but now legislature allows it

Lucifer explores our curiosity We are in the Sodom and Gomorrah epic

Your lineage is mixed What a patriarch does is tell you through what line is your blessings come and to which lineage you have a duty

God has to be just and when he blesses someone is because they've earned that blessing sometimes people who seem pretty wicked get a blessing and those cases it's due to what they performed in the first estate

Joseph Smith was told who he was and what role he played in the first existence but he never told the Saints in case it would shake their faith

The profit motive must be kept alive it is not wrong to make a profit

Prophet is the price you pay for something you want which you wouldn't otherwise get.

The competitive system allows everyone to gain both the buyer and the seller.

It won't always be as profitable so when you do gain save it away.

The people know where the market is and they go to it but this can't happen if the government is controlling the market.

Hugh Nibley points out that the geographical area of the book of Mormon must be much larger than many people supposed to do to times of travel and so forth in the book and gathering an army in route to such and such place etc.

It's not uncommon for charitable organizations who are supposed to be taking care of the poor to drain 90% of the funds and only about 10% of it gets to the poor

the sign that the people were starting to repent was that they began to suppress the Gadianton and robbers

It's very hard for the Lord to keep a people on a high level

In his day they have lots of church meetings a very structured program and it was responsible for keeping high activity levels in the church

The Lord says meet together often and he meant it

Even when someone skips church for 3 weeks huge problems can start

People of white complexion should not get a superiority complex but it is a fact that the whole group of people were instantly changed upon their repentance to a light complexion

Samuel the Lamanite didn't say in 5 years he said when 5 years have passed you'll see great signs that indicate the event. He didn't say how long after the 5 years he just said after 5 years the signs will come.

(note remember the 2015 David A Bednar Christmas devotional talk where he cited the Samuel Lamanite speech and told the audience specifically to apply what he was saying to

themselves and imagine themselves as if they were listening to that that day therefore we see something perhaps significant happened around December 2020 or sometime thereafter, we would assume not distantly thereafter)

All the people had to do to get rich was be at peace for a little while but it always fell apart when they lost the peace

It says Jesus would be born in Jerusalem that's not an issue

Bethlehem was right by that Jerusalem was a bigger city and we talked about events that way all the time

The fact that Samuel cast himself down off the wall suggest that he was rather young

Nephi referring to the one around the time of Samuel lamanite was one of the hardest working prophets ever he was always out healing the sick preaching prophesying etc. not just waiting for people to come be baptized

To those expecting the coming of the Lord the signs in the heavens are very significant but to other people they see them as just star showers etc.

There were many of these around the time of the restoration

Put ammonia under your nose to help you stay awake when you need to work long days

Joseph Fielding Smith said it was his opinion that didn't think we would make it to the Moon but that if we did his opinion was wrong and we did make it and he said yep I was wrong so you see we have to let profits have their own opinions too when it's a revelation it's never wrong but they can have opinions

Major complete healings of serious accidents don't happen very often but they happen often enough to remind us that God can do it

Some suggest that because Christ spoke to me by the day before he was born but the spirit doesn't enter the body until it takes the breath of Life. Some suggest the body can move before the spirit enters it in basic ways such as a baby kicking.

Brigham Young's opinion was that the spirit entered the body once the mother can start to feel the kicking but we know it moves a lot even before that. One man told about how he was in it terrific accident Spirit left his body he could look down and see his body his body was thrashing about and by administration

of the priesthood his body was completely healed and he then went back into his body. This is a suggestion that perhaps the body can move in some basic biological ways without the spirit. The Bible suggests that the spirit enters the body when it takes the breath of Life as was the case of Adam.

December 25 was the pagan god of the sun birthday that day was selected as the birthday of Christ since it was popular and no one remembered when he was born

The Lord is not casual about dates when it says in the doctrine and covenants that it was 1836 years from the year of our Lord this is indicating that our calendars are right

Brigham Young had a lecture style which could be called string of pearls he spoke for about 2 minutes on a subject well then switch to another subject and by the time he was done he had covered a dozen or so subjects which made it more likely that his audience heard messages they needed to hear

Brigham Young said we take the whole universe and put it in the palm of the hand and share it with people

Most people have the opposite approach they take one topic and keep hammering it

We have studied the Book of Mormon very casually and the Lord says we are cursed as a church he worked so hard to get this for us

The Lord rejoices when you don't require signs when you live as though Angels were ministering to you daily and as though you were raising the dead moving the mountains etc

The prophet wanted military science at BYU a good strong ROTC so that we can have righteous military leaders

When someone asks a question don't give a political answer give a scripture answer carry on your scriptures

Constitutionalists require hard work socialists give handouts which one do you think is going to get the vote

He has a two-year food storage for his family and two years for his neighbors and some for his children who are moved away

He has about a month worth of canned goods but the rest is dried

At one point in the book insurrection against the government was punishable by death because if they're going to rise up against the government and put other people's lives at risk, their life would be at risk

Christ tells the Nephites how often I would have gathered you as a hen her chickens but you would not. This is evidence that Jesus Christ is Jehovah.

It was a conference of people not the general population who heard the preaching of Christ among the Nephites

It was 11 months before Christ came to the Nephites after the destruction

The voice of Christ they heard at the destruction was Christ in the spirit world

The Bible could be called Old covenant and New covenant the

D&C could be called The covenant of the latter days

At the first vision of Joseph Smith at the light descended he thought it was a fire that would burn the trees though it did not burn them then he saw the two personages in the midst of the fire

The 12 disciples of the Nephites which Christ called were apostles but they were under the keys of the apostles in Jerusalem

There's only one set of keys on the earth at a time

The quorum of The twelve is a specific body with a limited number but there can be a lot of apostles

Paul and Barnabas were never a part of the 12 but they were apostles

Once people are baptized by the laying on of hands we command them to receive the Holy Ghost but it is only Christ himself who has the power to confir the Holy Ghost upon someone

Sometimes disciplining children must even involve some harshness but afterwards always compassion

whenever there is persecution it divides the church in 2: the strong & the weak

Pure salt does not lose its savor back in the day they had salt licks which were not pure and would lose their savor

The beatitudes are about going through the rebirth process. The peak of it is when you can endure persecution well and you become the salt of the earth

40 days Moses was in the mountain he got the full law of the Gospel he got the full Temple endowment ceremony he got all the ordinances of the Melchizedek priesthood

When Moses came down and the people were sitting they were drunken naked they're going to participate in fornication rituals according to the calf worship

Moses went back to the Mount to second time for 40 more days and he got the colonial law all the dietary restrictions etc all of those little details

The dietary laws kept Israel from going among the gentiles for dinner because the gentiles all eight things you couldn't eat

Christ came and told the people the law of Moses was fulfilled, circumcision was no longer necessary, it was an eternal law for Abraham but not for you

Nibley says the Book of Mormon is so loaded with internal evidence that it is true that pretty soon you won't be able to get any credit for accepting that it's true on faith

The scriptures to the Jews with the beatitudes rebuke this Pharisees but the ones to the Nephites do not because they didn't have any Pharisees

If you're not at peace with someone if you've been an offence to someone don't go to the sacrament don't pay your tithes don't give any gift to God because the gift is tainted he doesn't want it until you resolved the issue

When you die you immediately confront members of the priesthood who judge you. But Satan is also there to claim you his if you've been serving him until you've paid the uttermost farthing.

When you commit major sins and your pants sincerely and make it back into good standing with the church you've still lost a lot of opportunity; you put yourself behind or you could have been by now.

Says D&C 42 says you can't get excommunicated and come back into the church twice

In the lower law woman was not equal to man but in the gospel law she is.

The Lord has given allowance for a divorce in a case where the two are completely miserable the woman as well as the man can approach the priesthood officer and request a separation. The priesthood can seal things but they can also unseal things. Often the church refuses to unseal a couple and the couple can

only be civilly divorced. Jesus spoken against men who are arbitrarily putting away their wives for superficial reasons

The only kind of oath God authorizes is an oath to God. people shouldn't go around swearing this and that they should just say yes or no.

To swear so help me God, this is an oath to God and is appropriate. this is taking place in courtrooms military service etc political service an oath to God to uphold the Constitution etc

A peacemaker is someone who's willing to be abused and slandered not always demanding his pound of flesh, but not to the point where his life is in jeopardy.

Take no thought for the morrow: when Jesus said this he was speaking specifically to apostles and missionaries they were to go without purse or scrip. Same when he speaks about the lilies of the Field not requiring toil etc.

When it says judge not lest you be judged it's referring to condemning someone as a hopeless case to never be dealt with again according to the Hebrew.

Cast not pearls before swine there are two groups that can't have the deep things of the Gospel the unworthy and the unprepared lest they hear it and think the gospel is unbelievable and turn

It is very immature to leave a meeting before it has officially concluded.

When the spirit is gone he closes a class

Sometimes a two hour missionary testimony meeting will go on to five six or seven when the spirit is strong and pure

Revelation comes people will want to get up even multiple times

When the spirit tells you the meaning of a passage immediately write it down the spirit might have given you the interpretation of the passage which is slightly different than the way the passage actually reads so right down the explanation and reference so that you can explain it to others with the spirit and they can understand easily like you if you don't quickly record it it can take years before the spirit reveals it to you again

There have been quorums who went to the spirit world to commune there

If we are not willing to ask God will not tell the answers

There are figs that grow on thistles sometimes and apostate can appear kind and so forth but it's an act that fig is bitter

An approach to the Book of Mormon page 285 Nibley shows the Jewish apostles did eventually ask about the other sheep.

Clement of Alexandria said the apostles knew about the Saints on the other side of the Earth. He calls the other continents worlds and he says that they are saved by the same ordinances etc. The writings of Origen.

Nibley's book Since Cumorah is also loaded with great insights

Many truths from The Book of Mormon we aren't familiar with and don't believe this is why we are under condemnation.

