

Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge by Richard G. Scott, Devotional address August 17, 1993 at Campus Education week

One may ask, "Why center on spiritual knowledge?" President Kimball gave this answer:
Spiritual learning takes precedence. The secular without the foundation of the spiritual is but like the foam upon the mild, the fleeting shadow.

Do not be deceived! One need not choose between the two...for there is opportunity to get both simultaneously;...

Secular knowledge, important as it may be, can never save a soul nor open the celestial kingdom nor create a world nor make a man a god, but it can be most helpful to that man who, placing first things first, has found the way to eternal life and who can now bring into play all knowledge to be his tool and servant. (TSWK, p390)

President J. Reuben Clark observed:

There is spiritual learning just as there is material learning, and the one without the other is not complete;...

President Gordon B. Hinckley stated:

This restored gospel brings not only spiritual strength, but also intellectual curiosity and growth. Truth is truth. There is no clearly defined line of demarcation between the spiritual and the intellectual when the intellectual is cultivated and pursued in balance with the pursuit of spiritual knowledge and strength.