

# Hugh Nibley

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True knowledge never shuts the door on more knowledge, but zeal often does.

~Hugh Nibley

Why read the Book of Mormon? Because angels do not come on trivial errands.

~Hugh Nibley

What on earth have a man's name, degree, academic position, and of all things, opinions, to do with whether a thing is true?

~Hugh Nibley

Why do people feel guilty about TV? What is wrong with it? Just this: it shuts out all the wonderful things of which the mind is capable, leaving it drugged in a state of thoughtless stupor.

~Hugh Nibley

Indolent and unworthy the beggar may be—but that is not your concern: It is better, said Joseph Smith, to feed ten impostors than to run the risk of turning away one honest petition.

~Hugh Nibley

No matter where we begin, if we pursue knowledge diligently and honestly, our quest will inevitably lead us from the things of the earth to the things of heaven.

~Hugh Nibley

[Eve] sees through Satan's disguise of clever hypocrisy, identifies him, and exposes him for what he is...[ever since Satan has] had it in for women.

~Hugh Nibley

Don't be like anybody else. Be different. Then you can make a contribution. Otherwise, you just echo something; you're just a

reflection.

~Hugh Nibley

The gas-law of learning: . . . any amount of information no matter how small will fill any intellectual void no matter how large.

~Hugh Nibley

You can only expand your capacities by working to the very limit

~Hugh Nibley

The Book of Mormon is an inexhaustible encyclopedia of knowledge.

~Hugh Nibley

Every way of life produces its own environment and in turn is influenced by that environment.

~Hugh Nibley

The tragedy of the Book of Mormon is not what became of the Nephites but what the Nephites became.

~Hugh Nibley

Well, I have a testimony, I may be ignorant, but I am not lost.

~Hugh Nibley

It is throwing our life away, to think of the wrong things.

~Hugh Nibley

In this crucible of wickedness the true greatness of Mormon shines like a star.

~Hugh Nibley

Things that appear unlikely, impossible, or paradoxical from one point of view often make perfectly good sense from another.

~Hugh Nibley

Being self-taught is no disgrace; but being self-certified is another matter.

~Hugh Nibley

As knowledge increases, the verdict of yesterday must be reversed today, and in the long run the most positive authority is the least to be trusted.

~Hugh Nibley

The unique value of Christianity lies in those things which would never in a million years occur to men if left to themselves.

~Hugh Nibley

Nobody loves the rat race, but nobody can think of anything elseâ€”Satan has us just where he wants us.

~Hugh Nibley

Man's dominion is a call to service, not a license to exterminate.

~Hugh Nibley

Careerism is the determination to reign in hell rather than serve in heaven.

~Hugh Nibley

At UCLA I quickly learned the knack of getting grades, a craven surrender to custom, since grades had little to do with learning.

~Hugh Nibley

The very helplessness of the public which makes it necessary for them to consult the experts also makes it impossible for them to judge how expert they are.

~Hugh Nibley

Competitiveness always rests on the assumption of a life-and-death

struggle.

~Hugh Nibley

Joseph Smith could not have picked a better year to start The Book of Mormon than 600 B.C.

~Hugh Nibley

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