

At some point while completing an M.A. in English, I became acquainted with Hugh Nibley's essay "Educating the Saints—A Brigham Young Mosaic" in which he quoted liberally from Brigham Young (*BYU Studies*, Autumn 1970). That essay offered me a framework for understanding how to balance secular study of the world with spiritual study of the gospel. In reality, however, the solution wasn't an effort to balance the two as much it was an effort to fuse them.

Brigham Young frequently states that all learning in history, mathematics, science, art, literature, music, and all things belongs to the saints. However, Brother Nibley cautions that these claims do not mean that anything we choose to teach is the gospel. Instead, it means we may read, teach, and study all things in the light of the gospel. Thus, as I engaged in literary studies while I taught at three different secular universities during my career, I tried to spread my beacon of light by teaching that literary works enlighten our understanding and lead us to what we might call the spiritual light of intelligence.

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