When I was at BYU I appreciated the religion courses that were taught as academic classes with a spiritual element, rather than a feel good class with an academic element.

I remember one class I took from Victor Ludlow. He started off the class the first day asking how we wanted him to teach the Old Testament class –

1. As a water skier and follow the Sunday school curriculum,
2. As a snorkeler that stops and looks at a few cool things from the surface,
3. Or as a deep sea diver that looks at only a couple things thoroughly.

The class took a vote. Surprisingly they chose the waterskiing method. I stood up and said, “Wait a minute. I think we should vote again. You guys just voted for another Sunday school class – granted this Sunday school class would be taught by a master teacher, but aren’t you hungry for something beyond what you are going to hear for the rest of your life in Sunday school?

Nope.

So I transferred out of the class.

– **Brian R**.