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# 186–187: Hugh Nibley—Part 2: Scholar and Defender of the Faith

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These episodes (186 & 187) constitute the second of our three-part series on Hugh Nibley (1910–2005), focusing this time on Nibley as scholar of the ancient world and the ways he applied this scholarship to places of intersection with LDS scripture, history, and theology. In these episodes, Mormon Matters host **Dan Wotherspoon** is joined by Nibley biographer **Bod Petersen**, along with Mormon scholars **Brian Hauglid** and **Kevin Barne**, for a discussion of Nibley’s areas of scholarly interest outside of Mormonism and in, the types of work he did and approaches he took—primarily seeking for and writing about parallels between Mormon textual clues and ideas with those found in antiquity—including an examination of criticisms of that approach. They also examine an often-made critique that Nibley’s footnotes/citations contain many mistakes or push beyond what the texts actually say. Each also shares ways that Nibley’s scholarship and defenses of the Mormon tradition have affected their own lives and faith journeys.


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### Links:

[Hugh Nibley: A Consecrated Life](#), by Boyd Jay Peterson

[“In Memoriam: Hugh Winder Nibley.”](#) by Kevin L. Barney (as well as the rest of the *Sunstone* magazine tributes and remembrances section upon Hugh’s passing)

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