

Mormonism is a Plagiaristic Phantasy Perpetrated on a Perplexed People

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Mormonism does not preach the same gospel that Paul preached. Paul NEVER preached that God was once a man and that men will become Gods. Paul NEVER preached baptismal regeneration, Paul never preached from or referred to any one of the documents you call the Book of Mormon. Furthermore the Book of Mormon is a plagiaristic work provable by comparison.

There is a history of the Bible and many of the antiquated translations; it was not done in the dark or in a corner by ONE man. The Bible not only has a history in translations but even earlier copied versions were also made and some still exist. This shows how that in time God did preserve His words in the Bible even through translation into the King James Bible. This is the Bible that Joseph Smith grew up reading and also plagiarized whole complete sections verbatim!

Anyone that knows about the italicized words in the King James Bible knows that these words were NOT in the Hebrew or Greek TEXTS used, but because of idiom changes through translation you have to add the proper English words to make English sense of the passage; likewise there are many words NOT translated or you would have the word THE in too many places.

There are also translation of proper names usually TRANSLITERATED from Hebrew or Greek into English and thus you have from Old to New Testament the translation of proper names from Hebrew to Greek and then into English. This is why proper names are different in the Old Testament and in the New. Example: Hebrew to English: Rebekah, and Hebrew to Greek to English Rebecca.

The Book of Mormon says it was translated from the Egyptian language in THREE places (1 Nephi 1:2; Mosiah 1:4; Mormon 9:32-34); and there is no other reference to any other language used by these people! That is peculiar! There are NO Egyptian transliterations anywhere, yet there are Hebrew and Greek transliterations! WHY? (A note about ANY Egyptian language: the language uses symbols not letters until later and the letters do not coincide with alphabetic languages like Hebrew, Greek or English. The difference in languages would produce through translation different words; example: Hebrew to English: Jacob and Hebrew to Greek to English: James. Example: Hebrew to English: Isaiah and Hebrew to Greek to English: Esaias [Matthew 3:3])

The italicized words in the King James Bible would be exclusive to THAT translation! HOWEVER the plagiarized verses from Isaiah in the Book of Mormon retain the exact phrases, verbiage, syntactical word order, AND THE ITALICIZED WORDS! WHY? Example: Compare 2 Nephi 7:1-11 with Isaiah 50:1-11: The text is verbatim in many

places, yet in the Hebrew which would have been known to them and translated into the supposed Egyptian would have read much differently: Isaiah 50 verse 1:

כה אמר ירוה אי ויה ספר כריתות אמכם אשר שלחתיה או מי מנושי אשרו מכרתי אתכם לן הן בצונתיכם
מכרתם ובפשעיקם שלחה אמכם

(Hebrew is read from right to left...)

Literally: Thus says Jehovah, Where (2 words for Where) (is: is understood in the context no word for it in the passage) [the scroll of] [divorce of] [your mother] whom [I have put away]? Or who [of My creditors] that [I have sold] you [to him]? Behold, [for your iniquities] [you were sold] [and for your trespasses] [was put away] [your mother].

King James: "Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away."

The King James rendered all caps LORD or GOD for the proper name Jehovah which was to the Hebrews the unspoken name of God; so as to not offend the Jews. The Book of Mormon did not do that. The use of Lord in this passage is a MISTRANSLATION in the Book of Mormon, not retaining Jehovah or rendering Lord as LORD. Jehovah would be a transliteration. Of the 23 words in the Hebrew for this verse it is turned into 47 words. The chances of a rendering exactly equal to the King James Bible translated from Hebrew to Egyptian and then into English are impossible.

Notice idiomatic alterations in the language as well as exact word translation alterations. The word for Jehovah would be rendered different in Egyptian and would not hold the same value as Lord, because of the sacredness of this name, any Hebrew would have only used the 4 letters of the Tetragrammaton יהוה (Noted with vowel points.) Now how would you translate that into Egyptian? Would it come back the same way or would it come back as "The I am"? or "The One That Is"?

Other Idiomatic alterations: the phrase: "...Or who of My creditors that I have sold you to him..." And the next phrase: "...Behold, for your iniquities you were sold and for your trespasses was put away your mother." NOW, how did that get translated from Hebrew to Egyptian and then to English and match what was translated from Hebrew to English and be VERBATIM?

WHERE ARE THE COPIES OF THE PLATES? We do have over 5000 Greek textual manuscripts that witness to the FACT that the Bible is an antiquated book! WHERE are the COPIES of the plates? How about relief rubbings? We have the Masoretic Text of the Old Testament that coincides with the King James Bible! How about hand written copies of the Book of Mormon? Where is the EVIDENCE that this is NOT a hoax?

As a Bible believer, I am not told to have BLIND FAITH! Faith is SUBSTANTIATED by EVIDENCE! Hebrews 11:1; it is NOT BLIND! There is SUBSTANCE behind what we are to have faith in! When something has no EVIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE backing

up the CLAIM: It remains unproven to be any more truth than Mickey Mouse or Bullwinkle!

The evidence leans more to the plagiarism of Joseph Smith than anything. Please give any good reason for these things: IF the Book of Mormon is to be TRUE, then WHY do these issues threaten every Mormon I have ever asked about this?

I have read, studied, and marked with notes the Book of Mormon: all I seek for is THE TRUTH! If I have offended anyone by these remarks please do NOT take offence; find the ANSWERS!

Issue: 1. The Book of Mormon has long passages identical to the Bible in every word. This constitutes plagiarism.

Issue: 2. The Book of Mormon has NO historic path to follow to vindicate its authenticity. This constitutes Pseudepigrapha or False Writings.

Issue: 3. The Book of Mormon demonstrates transliterated words from Hebrew and Greek. These are words that are not translated, but incorporate that language from which they were translated into phonetically similar sounding words. This is apparent in proper names. This constitutes it was NOT a translation from Egyptian.

Issue: 4. The Book of Mormon has no geographical antiquated monuments of the vast cities, wars, buildings anywhere found in the United States. This constitutes a fictitious storyline.

Issue: 5. The Book of Mormon is supposed to have been translated from the Egyptian language and therefore there should exist to some extent this obvious Egyptian transition in words or phrases, however what is found is a fictitious storyline made up to look like it is a Bible when it is NOT. This constitutes a scriptural counterfeit and is therefore a hoax and a fraud.

In Conclusion: The Book of Mormon is a fictitious story purported by the author as a factual antiquated translation of some real metal plates that do not exist and no copies exist. This fraudulent monstrosity supposedly translated from Egyptian into English has no Egyptian to English transliterated words. However there are Hebrew and Greek transliterated words throughout the writing. This plagiaristic hoax has whole chapters that are verbatim from the King James Bible, intended to deceive people into thinking that it lines up to the Bible or it reads like the Bible. This plagiarism is more despicable than stealing words from someone else. But to steal GOD'S WORDS EVERYONE FROM HIS NEIGHBOR, and put in his OWN work: Jeremiah 23:30, "Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour." This also would mean the author took all the OTHER words of the Bible and got RID OF THEM! Revelation 22:18-19, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

This is why I do NOT believe the Book of Mormon.