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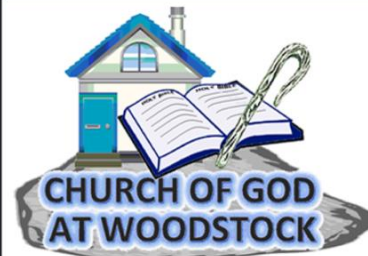


**TRUTH ON THE
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EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



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2 Timothy 2:24–26

And the **servant** of the Lord must **not strive**; but be gentle unto **all men**, apt to teach, patient, In meekness **instructing those that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will give them **repentance** to the acknowledging of the truth; And that **they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil**, who are taken captive by him at his will.



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The so named 'Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints'. Their main temple in Utah.



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Founded in the late 1820's in western New York by Joseph Smith. In 1831 they moved to Kirtland, Ohio. When they fled Kirtland in 1838 due to financial thievery, some went to Missouri, but ended up in Commerce, Illinois (renamed Nauvoo). In 1844 Smith was murdered while in jail.

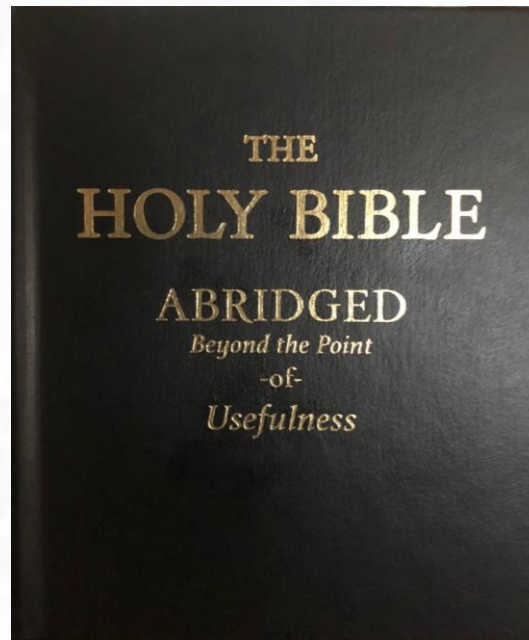
After this there were several splits and the largest group followed Brigham Young to Utah.

Mormons consider Joseph Smith to be a modern day prophet and revealer of the true gospel above all others.



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JST / IV



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JST / IV

The Joseph Smith Translation (JST), also called the Inspired Version of the Holy Scriptures (IV), is a revision of the Bible by Joseph Smith who said that the JST/IV was intended to restore what he described as "many important points touching the salvation of men that had been taken from the Bible translations, or lost before it was compiled". Smith died before he deemed it complete.

Most is not accepted as canon by the Mormon church.



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JST / IV

Genesis 50:33 (JST / IV)

And that seer will I bless, and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded; for this promise I give unto you; for I will remember you from generation to generation; and his name shall be called **Joseph**, and it shall be after the **name of his father**; and he shall be like unto you; for the thing which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand shall bring my people unto salvation.



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Book of Mormon

Translated from plates given to Smith by the angel Moroni.

Doctrine and Covenants

A series of 'sections' (currently 138) that cover a wide variety of topics.

Pearl of Great Price

Additional revelation given to Smith, some from a set of ancient Egyptian papyri.



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DOCTRINE
AND
COVENANTS



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Doctrine and Covenants

- A collection of 138 sections – each containing writings by Jospeh Smith over the 10-12 year period between publishing The Book of Mormon and his death in 1844.
- The collection has been added too as other writings have been discovered.
- As late as 1981 new sections have been added.
- It also contains two ‘Official Declarations’



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Doctrine and Covenants

Doctrine and Covenants: Section 110

Summary of section reads as follows:

1–10, The Lord Jehovah appears in glory and accepts the Kirtland Temple as His house;

11–12, Moses and Elias each appear and commit their keys and dispensations;

13–16, Elijah returns and commits the keys of his dispensation as promised by Malachi.

April 3, 1836



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Doctrine and Covenants

Doctrine and Covenants: Official Declaration 2

“In early June of this year [1978], the First Presidency announced that a revelation had been received by President Spencer W. Kimball extending priesthood and temple blessings to all worthy male members of the Church.”



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BOOK
OF
MORMON



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Lehi is a prophet in Jerusalem. God warns Lehi in a dream to take his family and leave Jerusalem because the city will be destroyed. He and his family cross the ocean to the Americas. (around 600 BC) – Lehi brings some brass plates with him. There are already people here that came when the nations were scattered at Babel, they are known as the Jaredites.

Laman and Lemuel, the oldest sons, don't believe their dad. They are always complaining and have a hard time following God. But their younger brother Nephi is full of faith. Nephi is chosen by God to lead the family and be their teacher.



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The brothers and their wives have children and spread out. Laman and Lemuel hate Nephi so much they want to kill him. The people eventually split into two groups: the Nephites and the Lamanites. These groups are often at war, and their faith is constantly being tested.

After Jesus is resurrected, He appears to the people in the Americas. He teaches them about baptism and forgiveness. He heals their sick and blesses their children. He establishes His Church. Unlike those in Jerusalem, the people listen to Jesus. Afterwards, they live in peace for hundreds of years.

Over time, the people lose faith and war breaks out again, wiping out the Nephites. The Lamanites, who survived, are “among the ancestors of the American Indians”



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A man named Mormon (a Nephite) collects all the plates (the brass one's Lehi brought and the gold ones that were engraved over the centuries in America) and he gives them to his son, Moroni. In or about the year A.D. 421, Moroni, the last of the Nephite prophet-historians, sealed the sacred record and hid it up unto the Lord.

In September 1823, Moroni (now resurrected as an angel), leads Joseph Smith to the plates (which are written in 'reformed Egyptian') and Smith translates them into the book of Mormon that is first published in 1830.

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“Book of Mormon” in The Bible

Ezekiel 37:15-27

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For **Judah**, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For **Joseph**, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.



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Quotes from The Book of Mormon

“The Book of Mormon is a volume of holy scripture comparable to the Bible. It is a record of God’s dealings with ancient inhabitants of the Americas and contains the fulness of the everlasting gospel.”

“I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book.”



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James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Book of Mormon: “We invite all men everywhere to read the Book of Mormon, to ponder in their hearts the message it contains, and then to ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ if the book is true. Those who pursue this course and ask in faith will gain a testimony of its truth and divinity by the power of the Holy Ghost.”



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PEARL OF
GREAT PRICE



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Pearl of Great Price

Canonized by the Mormon church in 1880. It contains several sections as follows:

- Selections from the 'Book of Moses' (8 chapters)
- The Book of Abraham (5 chapters)
- An extract from the translation of the JST Bible as revealed to Joseph Smith: Matthew 23:39 and chapter 24.
- Joseph Smith History (1 chapter)
- Articles of Faith (1 chapter)



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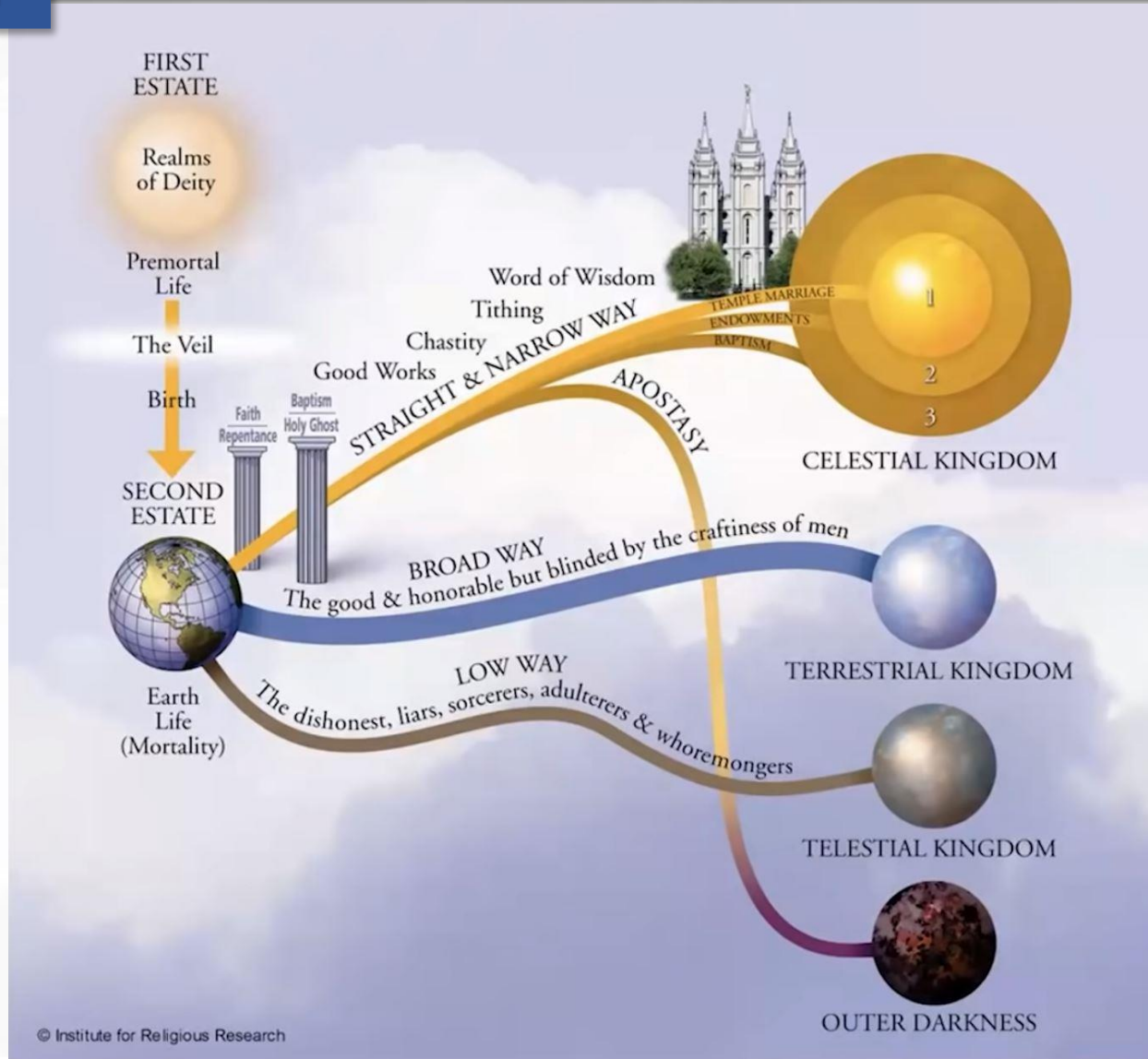
Excerpts from The Articles of Faith

- “We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind **may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.**”
- “We believe the Bible to be the word of God **as far as it is translated correctly**; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.”
- “We believe all that God **has revealed**, all that He does **now reveal**, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.”



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Salvation



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A parable of Salvation according to Mormonism

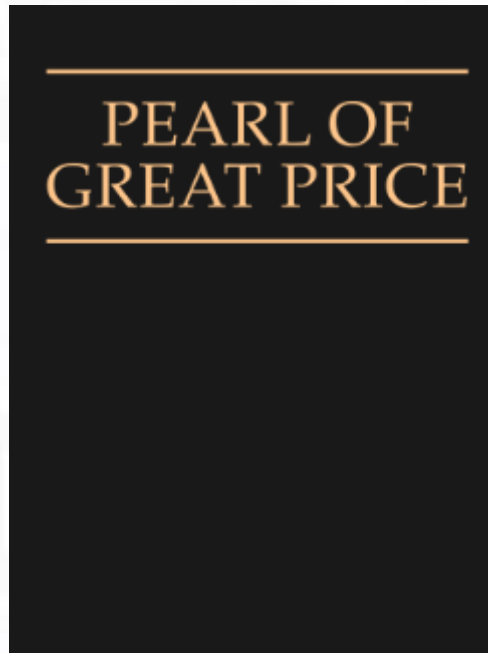
Mormons teach that we are indebted to Jesus and must pay that debt by good works.

Mormons teach that we owed a debt so great (because of our sin) we could never pay, to a debtor that is our enemy. Jesus paid our debt and removed the authority our original debtor had over us.

We now are indebted to Jesus. He has lowered our debt (because of His death) so that we can now pay it off by obedience and good works.

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The Book of Abraham found in



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In July of 1835, an Irishman named Michael Chandler arrived in Kirtland Ohio (the home of the Mormons at the time) with an exhibit of four Egyptian mummies and papyri. The papyri contained Egyptian hieroglyphics, a form of ancient writing unreadable in America at the time: Joseph Smith was given permission to look at the papyri scrolls in the exhibit, and upon seeing them he declared “one of the rolls contained the writings of Abraham, another the writings of Joseph of Egypt.



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Members of the Mormon Church raised money and bought the entire collection. Seven years later, Joseph finished translating the scroll and called it the Book of Abraham (an accompanying Book of Joseph was never translated). The papyri were lost soon after this and were thought to have been destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.



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Genesis 12:11-13 (KJV)

And it came to pass, when **he** was come near to enter into Egypt, that **he** said unto Sarai **his wife**, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and **they will kill me**, but they will save thee alive. **Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister**: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.



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And I, Abraham, had the Urim and Thummim, which the Lord my God had given unto me, in Ur of the Chaldees; And I saw the stars, that they were very great...and the name of the great one is **Kolob**, because it is near unto me, for I am the Lord thy God...And the Lord said unto me... according to its times and seasons in the revolutions thereof; that **one revolution was a day** unto the Lord, after his manner of reckoning, it being **one thousand years** according to the time appointed unto that whereon thou standest.

J. Smith's 'Book of Abraham' 3:1...4



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Mormon doctrines from the Book of Abraham

- God organized matter rather than created from nothing
- Potential exaltation of humans to Godhood
- The doctrine of pre-existence as spirits
- The doctrine of Jesus and Satan being spirit brothers
- First and Second Estates
- Plurality of gods



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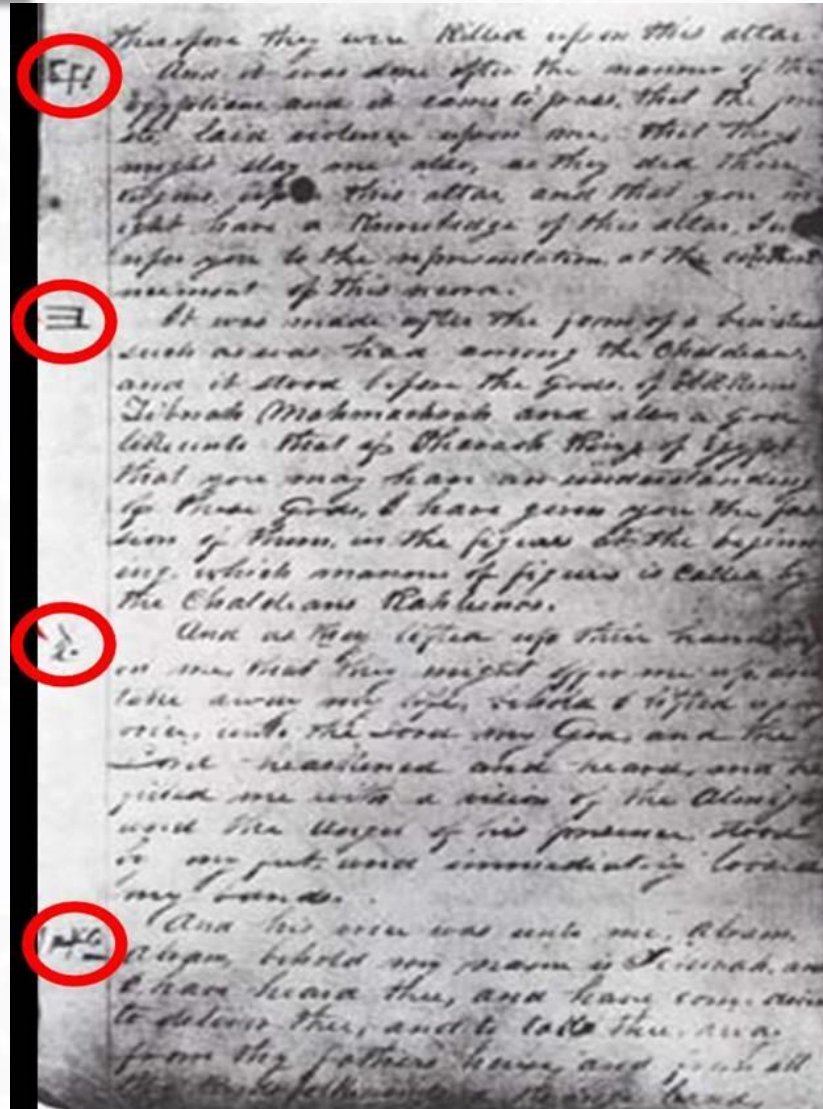
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Egyptian Alphabet, first degree	
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A FACSIMILE FROM THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM

No. 1



EXPLANATION

- Fig. 1. The Angel of the Lord.
- Fig. 2. Abraham fastened upon an altar.
- Fig. 3. The idolatrous priest of Elkenah attempting to offer up Abraham as a sacrifice.
- Fig. 4. The altar for sacrifice by the idolatrous priests, standing before the gods of Elkenah, Libnah, Mahmackrah, Korash, and Pharaoh.
- Fig. 5. The idolatrous god of Elkenah.
- Fig. 6. The idolatrous god of Libnah.
- Fig. 7. The idolatrous god of Mahmackrah.
- Fig. 8. The idolatrous god of Korash.
- Fig. 9. The idolatrous god of Pharaoh.
- Fig. 10. Abraham in Egypt.
- Fig. 11. Designed to represent the pillars of heaven, as understood by the Egyptians.
- Fig. 12. Raukeeyang, signifying expanse, or the firmament over our heads; but in this case, in relation to this subject, the Egyptians meant it to signify Shaumau, to be high, or the heavens, answering to the Hebrew word Shamayahem.



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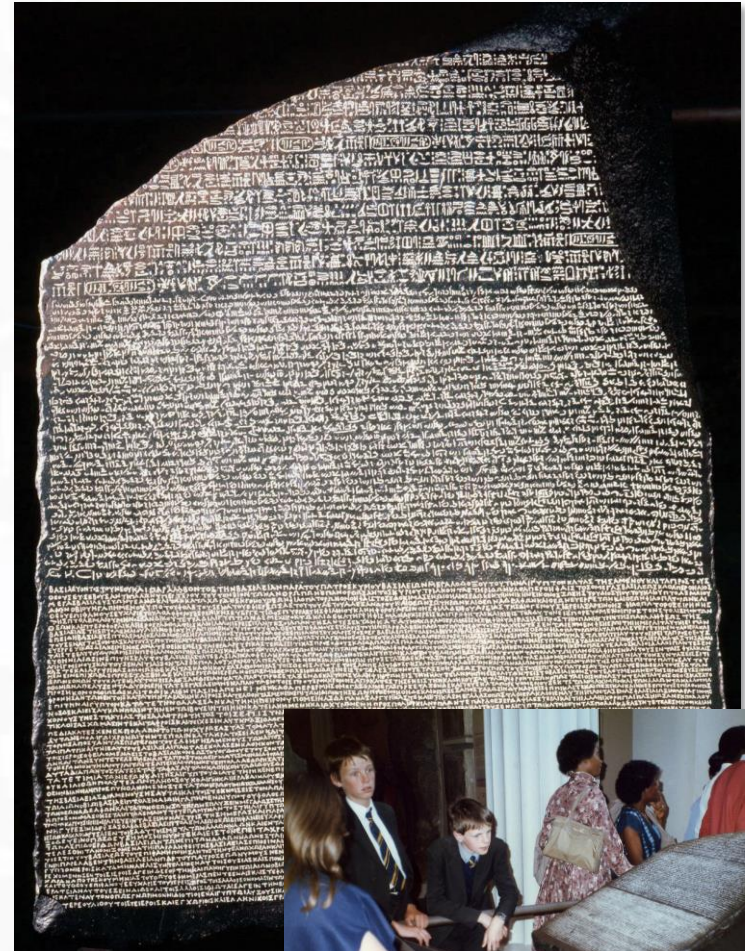


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The inscriptions on the Rosetta Stone are in two languages, Egyptian and Greek, and three writing systems,

- Egyptian Hieroglyphics
- Demotic script
 - A 'cursive' form of Egyptian hieroglyphics
- Ancient Greek



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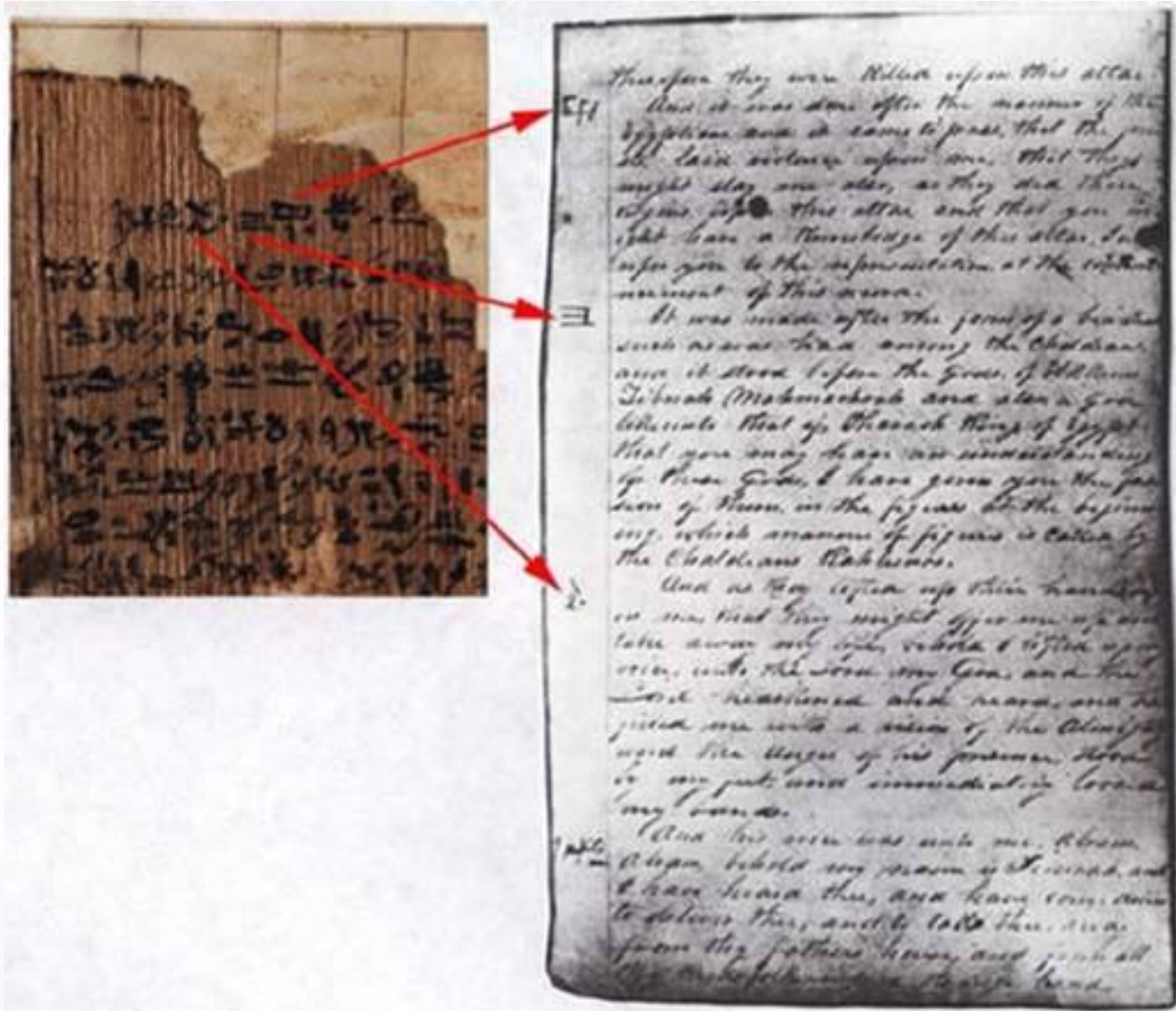
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In 1966, the papyri were rediscovered in one of the vault rooms of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Mormon Church validated the authenticity of these papyri. On the back of the papyri were “drawings of a temple and maps of the Kirtland, Ohio area”



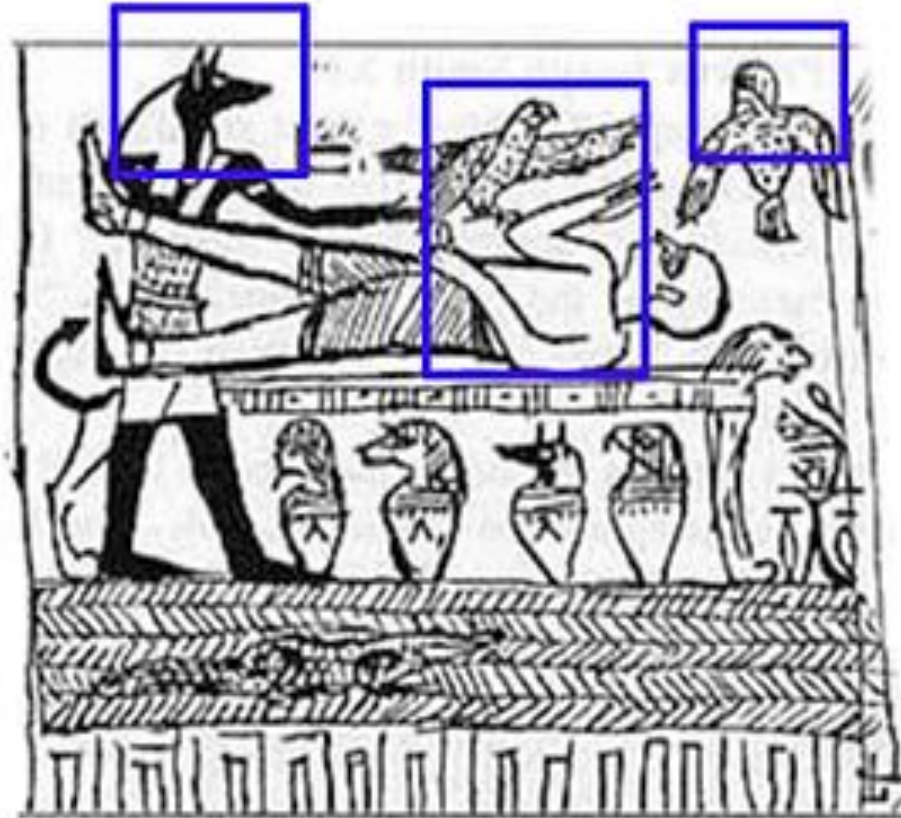
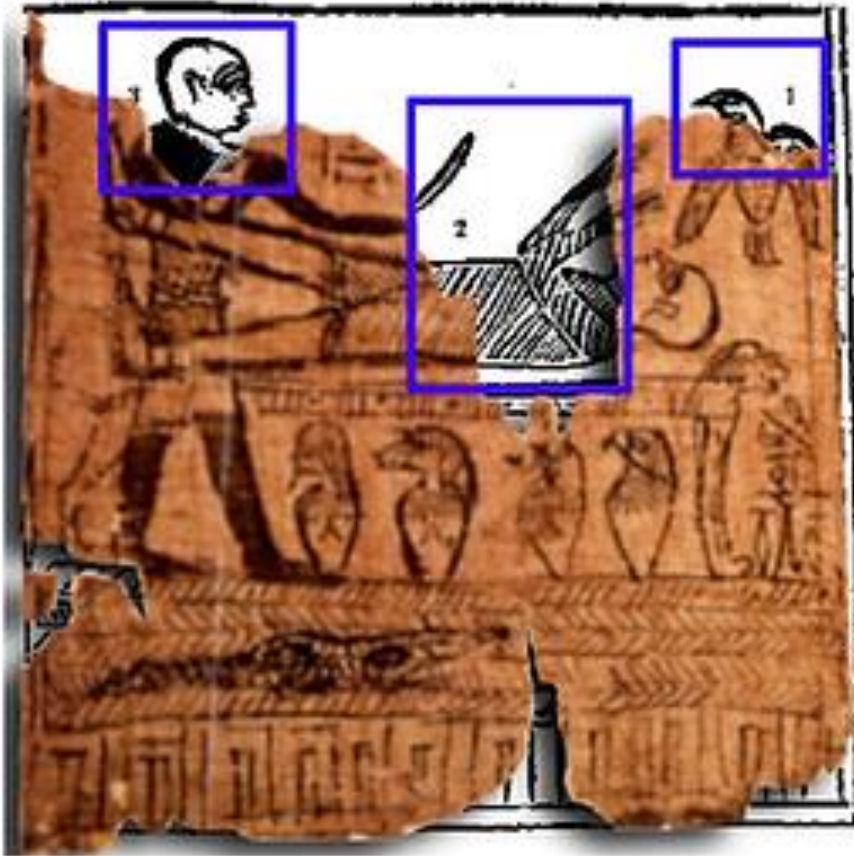
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THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM

TRANSLATED FROM THE PAPYRUS, BY JOSEPH SMITH

A Translation of some ancient Records, that have fallen into our hands from the catacombs of Egypt.—The writings of Abraham while he was in Egypt, called the Book of Abraham, written by his own hand, upon papyrus. See History of the Church, vol. 2, pp. 235, 236, 348–351.

CHAPTER 1

Abraham seeks the blessings of the patriarchal order—He is persecuted by false priests in Chaldea—Jehovah saves him—Origins and government of Egypt reviewed.

IN the land of the ^aChaldeans, at the residence of my fathers, I, ^bAbraham, saw that it was needful for me to obtain another place of ^cresidence;

2 And, finding there was greater ^dhappiness and peace and rest for me, I sought for the blessings of the fathers, and the right whereunto I

the fathers; it came down from the fathers, from the beginning of time, yea, even from the beginning, or before the foundation of the earth, down to the present time, even the right of the ^efirstborn, or the first man, who is ^fAdam, or first father, through the fathers unto me.

4 I sought for mine ^gappointment unto the Priesthood according to the appointment of God unto the ^hfathers concerning the seed.

5 My ⁱfathers, having turned from their righteousness, and from the holy commandments which the Lord their God had given unto them,



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This portion of the papyri has been translated by Professor Richard Parker of Brown University:

(line1) ... this great pool of Khonsu ...(line 2)... [Osiris Hor, justified], born of Taykhebyt, a man likewise...
(line 3)... After (his) two arms are [fast]ened to his breast, one wraps the Book of Breathings, which is...
(line 4)... with writing both inside and outside of it, with royal linen, it being placed [at] his left arm...
(line 5)... near his heart, this having been done at his... (line 6)... wrapping and outside it. If this book be recited for him, then... (line 7)... he will breathe like the soul[s of gods] for ever and... (line 8)... ever.
(the left side of the fragment begins the series of spells to be recited).

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The document is not the writing of Abraham in Egypt, but is instead the opening portion of an Egyptian Shait en Sensen, or Book of Breathing, a late funerary text derived from the earlier and more complex Book of the Dead.

This scroll was examined by experts (including Mormon experts who agreed with the findings) and after analyzing handwriting, spelling, content, and other contextual issues, they determined the papyri were written sometime during the Late Ptolemaic or Early Roman Period (circa 50 B.C. to A.D. 50)



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Mormon response problem #1 – not old enough to be written by Abraham 4,000 years ago.

Mormons apologists now argue the papyri are later transcriptions and copies of the ancient scrolls written by Abraham. According to these apologists, the originals were written around 2000BC, but the Book of Abraham copies are later copies dating to 500BC to 60AD.

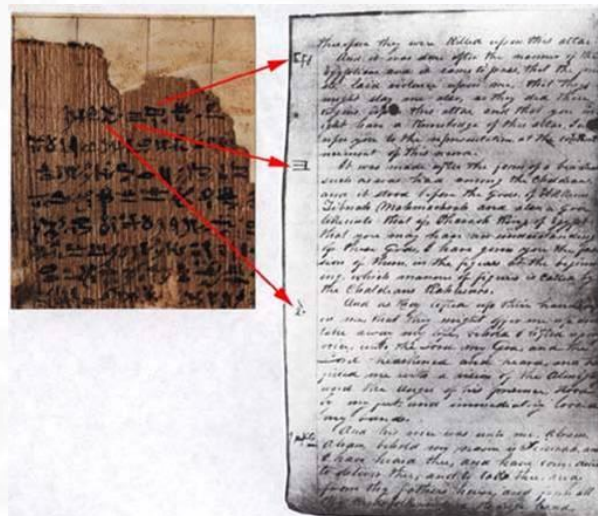


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Mormon response problem #2 – the Egyptian text does not in the least resemble what Joseph Smith translated it as.

Some Mormon apologists argue a portion of the papyri is still missing. They claim the Book of Abraham was translated from the missing papyri.



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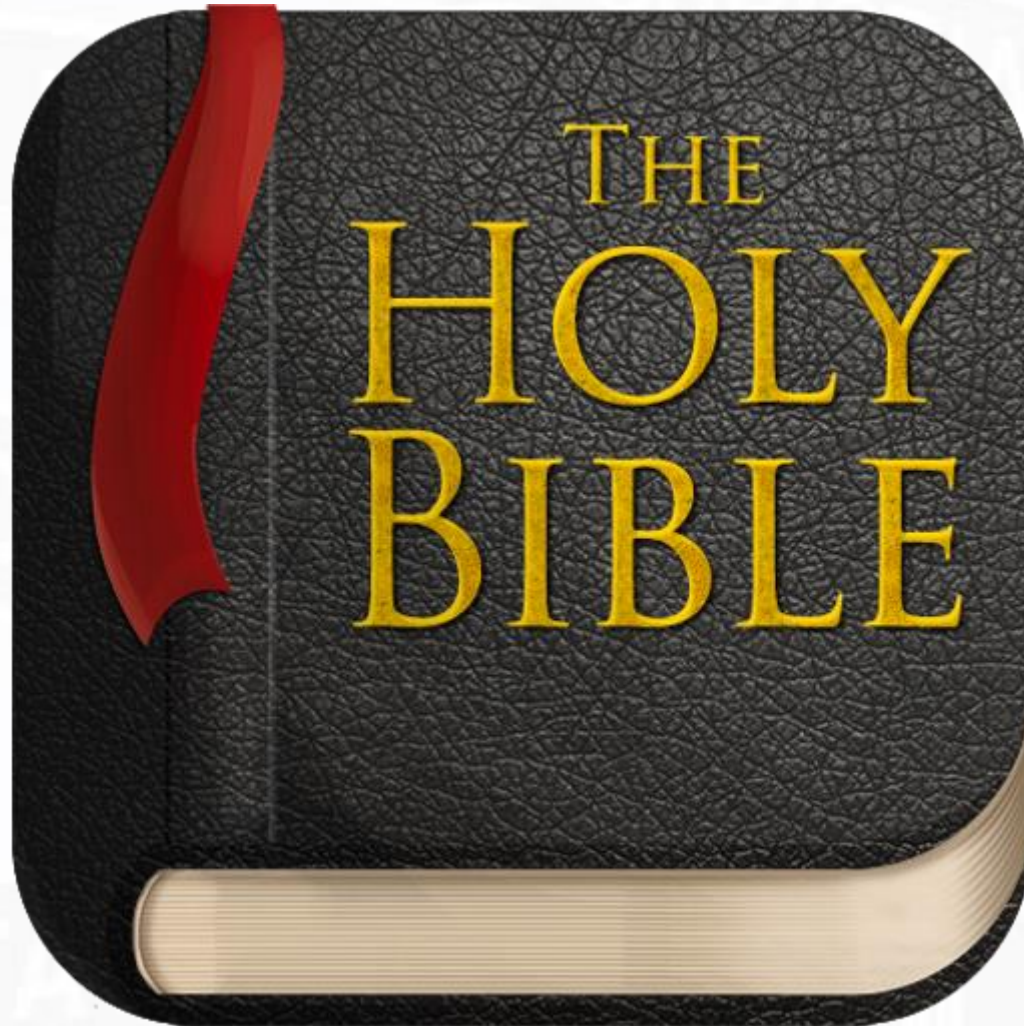
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Mormon response problem #2

Many Mormon apologists, after investigating this evidence, have come to the conclusion we actually do have all the papyri Joseph used for the Book of Abraham. They also admit Smith's rendition does not reflect the accurate translation of the Egyptian hieroglyphics on these papyri. As a result, they now claim Joseph obtained his Book of Abraham by way of direct revelation and not from a translation of the papyrus. They claim God inspired Joseph and revealed the text of the Book of Abraham, using the papyri only as an inspirational tool. The words came to Joseph directly from God, independent of the papyri.

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Christianity



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Orthodox Christianity

- God is Eternal (He has always existed and will always exist). He is also known as The Father.
- God created all that exists in Heaven and Earth from nothing (ex nihilo).
- God is all powerful, all knowing, all present and benevolent. Perfectly Just.
- God has only one begotten Son, His name is Jesus.
- Jesus is also God and has the same attributes described above.



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- Man was created by God in His image.
- Man was created without spot or blemish.
- When man was created, they were in perfect harmony and fellowship with God.
- God created man to have fellowship with him forever.
- Man became 'dirty' by disobeying God, thus breaking harmony and fellowship.
- Because of man's sin, eternal fellowship was no longer possible.
- Man continued to sin in each generation.



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- God (Father and Son) knew that man would ruin their fellowship, so He had a plan in place before creating anything.
- This plan involved the Son coming to Earth in the flesh and enduring all the difficulties man does, without disobeying.
- The Son gave His life as a substitutionary sacrifice for our disobedience, being slain by the very people He came to save.
- The Father resurrected Him as evidence that His death is what all man needs.
- It is faith (trust) in this sacrifice and resurrection that makes reconciliation possible.



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- Our good works do not give us any 'credit' against our debt of sin, before or after faith.
- We can be reconciled now, for this life and the next.
- Being reconciled, we are given God's Spirit. This gives us the ability in this life to live without daily falling victim to our own weaknesses and rebellion.
- We live in real hope of His gifts in this life and much more in the one to come (eternally).



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Colossians 4:5–6

Walk in wisdom **toward them that are without, redeeming the time.** Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that **ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**



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