

Questions about Book of Mormon

Why didn't God write the entire Bible on golden plates instead of have every prophet write it on scrolls?

Joseph Smith claims that he translated The Book of Mormon from golden plates that he received from the angel. Doesn't this strike you as odd? Why didn't God give golden plates to Moses and the prophets so scribes wouldn't have to keep copying manuscripts over many centuries? Why not give gold plates to Paul and the gospel writers?

Joseph Smith never showed these plates to anyone so there is no way to verify his story. Smith claimed he gave the plates back to Moroni. Why wouldn't Moroni tell him to keep the plates as proof to doubters? In contrast, we have numerous copies of the manuscripts from the Bible that we can examine today.

Why would it be hidden in a buried box?

Smith said he discovered the plates on September 22, 1823 on Cumorah hill in New York, where they had been hidden in a buried box and protected for centuries by the angel Moroni. The book, which Mormons believe to be the Word of God, supposedly relates a history of three civilizations in the Americas from approximately 2700 B.C. until about 420 A.D. Again, no one has ever seen the box or the plates.

How could Joseph Smith instantly learn a language by putting on "Interpreters"?

In translating the Book of Mormon from the golden plates, Smith said the angel gave him "Interpreters," a pair of crystals joined in the form of a large pair of spectacles, which instantly gave him a perfect translation. Joseph Smith said he placed "the Interpreters" (or seer stones) in a hat and placed his face in the hat, drawing it closely around his face to exclude the light. In the darkness the spiritual light would shine, then he dictated the interpretation of the plates to a scribe who wrote it down.

Why was it written on "Reformed Egyptian" in this country?

Joseph Smith claimed the plates were written in "reformed Egyptian," a language unknown to linguists or Egyptologists. There is no evidence that such a language ever existed. None of the prophets in the Old Testament or New Testament were given glasses to translate a manuscript into another language. They all heard directly from God and wrote in their own language.

Why are 27,000 words in the Book of Mormon copied from the King James Bible?

The Book of Mormon contradicts the Bible and was actually a work of fiction written by Joseph Smith in the 1800's, **copying from the King James Version**, trying to make it look like an ancient manuscript. See the article "Proof the Book of Mormon Isn't True."