

Final Thoughts

I have spent the last two years gathering evidence for this document. It has been frustrating and exhilarating all at the same time. There are people I need to thank, including Wayne May and Rod Meldrum. I also thank Wes Trexler for helping review and edit this material.

Some of the sources that I found were through critics. They found helpful information during their attempts to disprove the Book of Mormon and to find sources of how Joseph Smith, Sydney Rigdon and Oliver Cowdery fabricated the Book of Mormon. While disproving the Mesoamerican model they were also providing evidence for the North American model. Discounting the artifacts, language, and cultural similarities to the Hebrews will be harder in North America than the Mesoamerican model. Unless I'm missing something important, critics will have to say Joseph Smith could not have not done it by himself; Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Sydney Rigdon, and Martin Harris all helped. They will have to say that they were expert archeologist on the Hopewell and Adena cultures. They knew they had metallurgy and woven cloth and breast plates etc. They had an intuitive knowledge of the Hopewell timeline and geography. They were also experts on Native American culture, their language, and beliefs from the Gulf of Mexico and to the Great Lakes. They were experts on old world civilizations especially the Assyrian culture, their artifacts, and writing system and the 12 tribes of Israel as well as the Old testament. But most importantly they also had innate knowledge of DNA and its distribution. Somehow they knew the Druze of Israel and the Great Lake Indians shared the same DNA. If my geography model can be shown to be consistent throughout the Book of Mormon, they also would have known that what sounds like four seas is actually six and the narrow neck and narrow passage are two features not one, but they congruently decided not to tell anybody these crucial bits of information.

Cherry Picking Data

One will notice that the dates given pre-4000BC match up with Book of Mormon. The Problem lies with dates beyond 4000BC. The dates that deal with DNA, North American land mammals and the populating of North and South America don't line up. How is it that I use dates that are in line with Book of Mormon and dates that are not in line with the Book of Mormon are ignored? The best answer for believers is that I do not believe that human life as we know it existed beyond 4000BC years. Although I do believe that the earth is billions of years old, I believe that human life began with Adam and Eve and not evolution. So dating past 4000BC is irrelevant. This is not a scientific research paper done by a professional that I'm sure everyone has noticed. I have faith that radio carbon dating past 4000BC years is wrong — how I'm going to prove that someday I don't know but at this point it does not matter.

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