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192 And the angel spake unto me, saying: These last records which thou hast seen among the Gentiles shall establish the truth of the first, which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And shall make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away from them.

193 And shall make known to all kindreds tongues and people, that the Lamb of God is the Eternal Father and the Savior of the world.

And that all men must come unto Him or they cannot be saved.

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107 And I Am the same that leadeth men to all good.

"He that will not believe My words will not believe Me, that I Am;
And he that will not believe Me
will not believe the Father which sent Me;

108 For behold, I Am the Father.

I Am the light and the life and the truth of the world.

109 Come unto Me, O ye Gentiles! And I will show unto you the greater things, the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief.

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Changes from Original Book of Mormon

<u>Reference</u>	<u>1908 Verses</u>	<u>RCE Verses</u>
	1908	RCE
1 Nephi 3:62	And the angel said unto me, Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father!	And the angel said unto me: "Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Eternal Father!
	And the angel said unto me Behold the Lamb of God yea even the Son of the Eternal Father	And the angel said unto me Behold the Lamb of God yea even the ^ ^ ^ Eternal Father

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1 Nephi 3:193

1908 Verses

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And shall make known to all kindreds, tongues and people, that the Lamb of God is the son of the Eternal Father, and the Savior of the world; and that all men must come unto him or they can not be saved;

And shall make known to all kindreds tongues and people that the Lamb of God is the **son of the** Eternal Father and the Savior of the world and that all men must come unto him or they **can not** be saved

RCE Verses

RCE

And shall make known to all kindreds, tongues and people that the Lamb of God is the Eternal Father and the Savior of the world, And that all men must come unto Him or they cannot be saved;

And shall make known to all kindreds tongues and people that the Lamb of God is the **^ ^ ^** Eternal Father and the Savior of the world And that all men must come unto Him or they **cannot** **^** be saved

Who Did this to us??

	<u>Original Version (RCE)</u>	<u>1837 and Subsequent Versions (1908)</u>
1 Nephi 3:58	And he said unto me Behold the virgin which thou seest is the mother of God after the manner of the flesh	And he said unto me Behold the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of <u>the Son of God</u> after the manner of the flesh
1 Nephi 3:62	And the angel said unto me Behold the Lamb of God yea even the Eternal Father	And the angel said unto me Behold the Lamb of God yea even <u>the Son of the Eternal Father</u>
1 Nephi 3:86	And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me again saying Look And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God that He was taken by the people Yea the Everlasting God was judged of the world And I saw and bear record	And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me again saying Look And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God that he was taken by the people yea <u>the Son of the everlasting God was judged of the world</u> and I saw and bear record
1 Nephi 3:193	And shall make known to all kindreds tongues and people that the Lamb of God is the Eternal Father and the Savior of the world And that all men must come unto Him or they cannot ^ be saved	And shall make known to all kindreds tongues and people that the Lamb of God is <u>the son of the Eternal</u> Father and the Savior of the world and that all men must come unto him or they can not be saved

1 Nephi 3:200

And the **last** shall be **first**,
and the **first** shall be **last**.

1 Nephi 3:

195 And the words of the Lamb shall be made known in the records of thy seed, as well as in the records of the twelve apostles of the Lamb;

196 Wherefore, they both shall be established in one;

1 Nephi 3:

197 For there is one God and one Shepherd over all the earth;

198 And the time cometh that He shall manifest Himself unto all nations - both unto the Jews, and also unto the Gentiles;

1 Nephi 3:

199 And after that He hath manifested Himself unto **the Jews**,
and also unto **the Gentiles**,
Then He shall manifest Himself **unto the Gentiles**,
and also **unto the Jews**;

200 And the **last**
shall be **first**,
and the **first**
shall be **last**.

3 Nephi 7

28 That these sayings which ye shall write shall be kept and shalt be manifested unto the Gentiles, That through the fullness of the Gentiles, the remnant of their seed - which shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief - may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of Me, their Redeemer;

3 Nephi 7

29 And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; And then will I fulfill the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.

3 Nephi 7

30 And blessed are the Gentiles because of their belief in Me, in and of the Holy Ghost, which witness unto them of Me and of the Father;

3 Nephi 7

31 'Behold, because of their belief in Me, ' saith the Father, 'and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, In the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles, that the fullness of these things shall be made known unto them.

3 Nephi 7

32 'But wo, ' saith the Father, 'unto the unbelieving of the Gentiles. ' For notwithstanding that they have come forth upon the face of this land and have scattered My people which are of the house of Israel, And My people which are of the house of Israel have been cast out from among them and have been trodden under feet by them,

3 Nephi 7

33 And because of the mercies of the Father unto the Gentiles, and also the judgments of the Father upon My people which are of the house of Israel - Verily, verily I say unto you that after all this - And I have caused My people which are of the house of Israel to be smitten, and to be afflicted, and to be slain, and to be cast out from among them, and to become hated by them, and to become a hiss and a byword among them -

3 Nephi 7

34 And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: ' At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against My gospel, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel, And shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations and above all the people of the whole earth, And shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy and murders, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, and of secret abominations -

3 Nephi 7

35 And if they shall do all these things, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel, Behold, ' saith the Father, 'I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;

3 Nephi 7

36 And then will I remember My covenant which I have made unto My people, O house of Israel, And I will bring My gospel unto them;

3 Nephi 7

37 And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, But I will remember My covenant unto you, O house of Israel, And ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of My gospel.

A	A. GENTILES BLESSED	7:30 "And blessed are the Gentiles because of their belief in Me, in and of the Holy Ghost, which witness unto them of Me and of the Father;
B	B. TRUTH COMES TO GENTILES	7:31 'Behold, because of their belief in Me, ' saith the Father, 'and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, In the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles, that the fullness of these things shall be made known unto them.
C	ISRAEL SMITTEN BY GENTILES	7:32 'But wo, ' saith the Father, 'unto the unbelieving of the Gentiles! ' For notwithstanding that they have come forth upon the face of this land and have scattered My people which are of the house of Israel, And My people which are of the house of Israel have been cast out from among them and have been trodden under feet by them,
D	GENTILES POWER OVER ISRAEL	7:33 And because of the mercies of the Father unto the Gentiles, and also the judgments of the Father upon My people which are of the house of Israel - Verily, verily I say unto you that after all this - And I have caused My people which are of the house of Israel to be smitten, and to be afflicted, and to be slain, and to be cast out from among them, and to become hated by them, and to become a hiss and a byword among them -
E	THE SIN OF THE GENTILES AGAINST THE GOSPEL	7:34 "And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: ' At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against My gospel, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel, And shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations and above all the people of the whole earth, And shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy and murders, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, and of secret abominations -
X	GENTILES REJECT GOSPEL; GOSPEL LEAVES THEM.	7:35 And if they shall do all these things, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel, Behold, ' saith the Father, 'I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;
E'	TRUTH RETURNS TO ISRAEL	7:36 And then will I remember My covenant which I have made unto My people, O house of Israel, And I will bring My gospel unto them;
D'	ISRAEL BLESSED WITH GOSPEL/ GENTILES NO POWER OVER ISRAEL	7:37 And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, But I will remember My covenant unto you, O house of Israel, And ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of My gospel.
C'	GENTILES SMITTEN BY ISRAEL	7:38 'But if the Gentiles will repent and return unto Me, ' saith the Father, 'Behold, they shall be numbered among My people, O house of Israel;7:39 And I will not suffer My people which are of the house of Israel to go through among them and tread them down, ' saith the Father;
B'	JUDGEMENT ON GENTILES BY ISRAEL, BECAUSE ISRAEL BLESSED	7:40 ' But if they will not return unto Me and hearken unto My voice, I will suffer them - yea, I will suffer My people, O house of Israel - that they shall go through among them and shall tread them down, 7:41 And they shall be as salt that has lost its savor, which is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden underfoot of My people, O house of Israel.'
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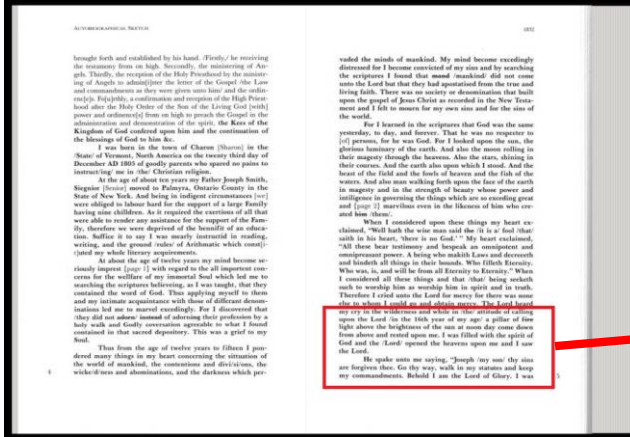
Apparently it didn't happen this way.
Yet, we write of it,
we sing of it,
We teach our children of it.



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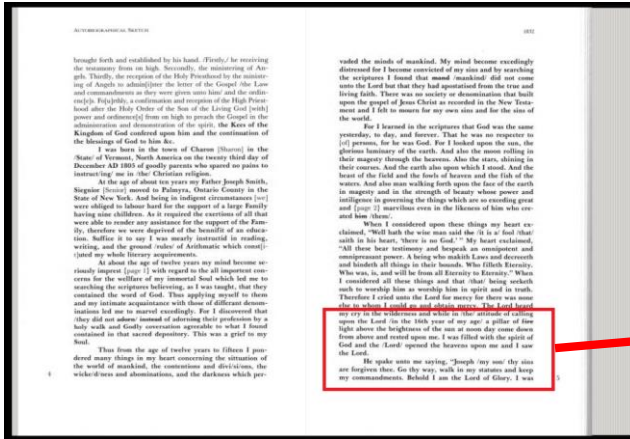
Joseph Smiths Diary (First Account)



Therefore I cried unto the Lord for mercy for there was none else to whom I could go and obtain mercy. The Lord heard my cry in the wilderness and while in /the/ attitude of calling upon the Lord /in the 16th year of my age/ a pillar of fire light above the brightness of the sun at noon day come down from above and rested upon me. I was filled with the spirit of God and the /Lord/ opened the heavens upon me and I saw the Lord.

He spake unto me saying, "Joseph /my son/ thy sins are forgiven thee. Go thy way, walk in my statutes and keep my commandments. Behold I am the Lord of Glory. I was

Joseph Smiths Diary (First Account)



crucified for the world that all those who believe on my name may have Eternal life. /Behold/ the world lieth in sin at this time and none doeth good, no not one. They have turned aside from the gospel and keep not /my/ commandments. They draw near to me with their lips while their hearts are far from me and mine anger is kindling against the inhabitants of the earth to visit them according to th/e/ir ungodliness and to bring to pass that which /hath/ been spoken by the mouth of the prophets and Ap/o/stles. Behold and lo, I come quickly as it [is] written of me, in the cloud /clothed/ in the glory of my Father.”

Who Changed this??

LDS Church

Godhead

The Church's first article of faith states, "We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost." These three beings make up the Godhead. They preside over this world and all other creations of our Father in Heaven.

RLDS/Community of Christ Church

Godhead

We believe in one living God who meets us in the testimony of

Israel, is revealed in Jesus Christ, and moves through all creation as the Holy Spirit.

understanding and love beyond.

We affirm the Trinity—God who is a community of three persons. All things that exist owe their being to God:

mystery beyond imagination.

This God alone is worthy of our worship

Mosiah 9

10 And he said unto him: Abinadi, we have found an accusation against thee and thou art worthy of death,

11 For thou hast said that God Himself should come down among the children of men;

Mosiah 9

12 And now for this cause thou shalt be put to death, unless thou wilt recall all the words which thou hast spoken evil concerning me and my people.

13 Now Abinadi saith unto him:
I say unto you, I will not recall the words which I have spoken unto you concerning this people, for they are true;

Mosiah 5

43 And a prophet of the Lord have they slain,
Yea, a chosen man of God who told them of their
wickedness and abominations,
And prophesied of many things which are to come.
Yea, even the coming of Christ;

Mosiah 5

44 And because he saith unto them that Christ was the God, the Father, of all things. And saith that He should take upon Him the image of man.

And it should be the image after which man was created in the beginning.

Mosiah 5

45 Or in other words,
he said that man was created after the image of God.

And that God should come down among the children
of men and take upon Him flesh and blood
and go forth upon the face of the earth;

Mosiah 5

46 And now because he said this,
they did put him to death.

And many more things did they do which brought
down the wrath of God upon them;

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2 Nephi 1:23

Behold I say,
if the day shall come that they will reject
the Holy One of Israel,
the true Messiah,
their Redeemer and their God,
Behold, the judgments of Him that is just
shall rest upon them –

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1 Nephi 3:62 And the angel said unto me:
**"Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even
the Eternal Father!"**

(1908 VS RCE)

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1 Nephi 3:86

And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me again, saying, Look! And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God, that he was taken by the people; yea, the Son of the everlasting God was judged of the world; and I saw and bear record.

And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me again, saying: "Look!" And I looked and beheld the Lamb of God, that He was taken by the people, Yea, the Everlasting God was judged of the world; And I saw and bear record;

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2 Nephi 7:12

But behold, thus saith the Lord God:

"When the day cometh that they shall believe in Me, that I Am Christ, Then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh upon the earth unto the lands of their inheritance.

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2 Nephi 11:55

And now behold,
I say unto you that the right way
is to believe in Christ and deny Him not.
And Christ is the Holy One of Israel.

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2 Nephi 11:78 And as I spake concerning the convincing of the Jews **that Jesus is the very Christ,** It must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced **also that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God.** And that He manifesteth Himself unto all they that believe in Him by the power of the Holy Ghost,

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2 Nephi 13:32

And now behold this is the doctrine of Christ.

And the only and true
doctrine of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Ghost
which is one God without end. Amen.

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2 Nephi 5:22-26

For behold, the Lord hath shown me that they which were at Jerusalem from whence we came have been slain and carried away captive; Nevertheless, the Lord hath shown unto me that they should return again.

And He also hath shown unto me that

the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,
should manifest Himself unto them in the flesh;

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2 Nephi 6:43-47

O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel.

For He delivereth His saints from that awful monster the devil and death and hell,
And that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

O how great the holiness of our God!

For He knoweth all things and there is not anything save He knows it;
And **He cometh into the world** that He may save all men,
if they will hearken unto His voice.

For behold, **He suffereth the pains of all men.**

Yea, the pains of every living creature both men and women and children
which belong to the family of Adam;

And **He suffereth this that** the resurrection might pass upon all men.
That all might stand before Him at the great and judgment day.

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Omni 1:46 And now my beloved brethren,
I would that ye should
come unto Christ,
which is the Holy One of Israel,
and partake of His salvation
and the power of His redemption.

47 Yea, come unto Him, and offer your whole
souls as an offering unto Him
And continue in fasting and praying,
and endure to the end;
And as the Lord liveth, ye will be saved.


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Mosiah 1:97 'For behold,
the time cometh and is not far distant,
that with power the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth,
which was and is from all eternity to all eternity,
Shall come down from heaven
among the children of men,
And shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,

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Mosiah 3:21

Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works.

That Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you His.

That you may be brought to heaven.

That ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life through the wisdom and power and justice and mercy of Him who created all things in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen."

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Mosiah 5:44 And because he saith unto them that **Christ was the God, the Father of all things,** And saith that

He should take upon Him the image of man,
And it should be the image after which
man was created in the beginning.

Or in other words, he said that
man was created after the image of God.

And that God should come down among the
children of men and take upon Him flesh and blood,
and go forth upon the face of the earth;

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Mosiah 8:5 And moreover, I say unto you that salvation doth not come by the law alone;
And were it not for the atonement **which God Himself shall make for the sins and iniquities of His people,** that they must unavoidably perish, notwithstanding the law of Moses.

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Mosiah 8:13

Have they not said that

God Himself should come down

among the children of men

and take upon Him the form of man

and go forth in mighty power upon the face
of the earth?

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Mosiah 8:28

And now Abinadi saith unto them:

I would that **ye should understand that**

**God Himself shall come down among the
children of men**

and shall redeem His people;

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Mosiah 11:131-132

**For it is I that taketh upon Me the sins of the world;
For it is I that hath created them.**

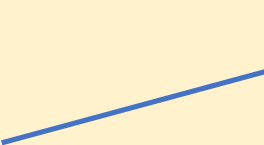
**And it is I that granteth unto him that believeth in
the end, a place at My right hand;**

For behold, in My name are they called.

**And if they know Me, they shall come forth and
shall have a place eternally at My right hand.**

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Alma 8:81 Now Zeezrom saith:

"Is there more than one God?"

82 And he answered: "**No.**"

...

93 Now Zeezrom saith again unto him

Is the Son of God the Very Eternal Father?

94 And Amulek saith unto him

**Yea, He is the Very Eternal Father of heaven
and of earth and all things which in them is;**

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Alma 8:104

And shall be brought and be arraigned before
the bar of

**Christ the Son and
God the Father and
the Holy Spirit which is **one Eternal God**.**

To be judged according to their works,
whether they be good,
or whether they be evil.

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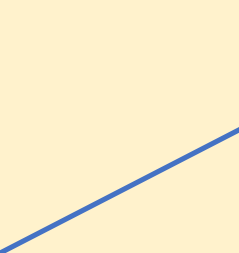
Alma 19:97 And now the plan of mercy could not be brought about, except an atonement should be made;

Therefore, God Himself atoneth for the sins of the world

to bring about the plan of mercy to appease the demands of justice,
that God might be a perfect just God.
And a merciful God also.

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Helaman 3:59-60

Nephi also testified of these things, and also **almost all of our fathers**, even down to this time; Yea, they have **testified of the coming of Christ**. And have looked forward and have rejoiced in His day which is to come.

And behold He is God and He is with them.

And He did manifest Himself unto them, that they were redeemed by Him; And they gave unto Him glory because of that which is to come.

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Helaman 5:66

And also that ye might know of
the coming of

Jesus Christ the Son of God,
the Father of heaven and of earth,
the Creator of all things from the beginning.

And that ye might know of the signs of His coming,
to the intent that ye might believe on His name.

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3 Nephi 4:44,45,48

44 **Behold, I Am Jesus Christ the Son of God.**
I created the heavens and the earth
and all things that in them is.

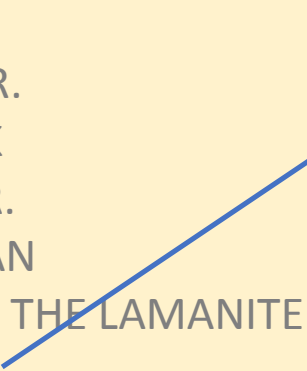
I was with the Father from the beginning.
I Am in the Father and the Father in Me.

And in Me hath the Father glorified His name...
I Am the light and the life of the world;

I Am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

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Ether 1:77-78

Behold, I Am He which was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem My people.

Behold, I Am Jesus Christ.

I Am the Father and the Son;

In Me shall all mankind have life and that eternally,
even they which shall believe on My name.

And they shall become My sons and My daughters;

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Ether 1:101

And in that day that they shall exercise faith in Me,
saith the Lord,
even as the brother of Jared did,
that they may become sanctified in Me,
Then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother
of Jared saw.

Even to the unfolding unto them all My revelations,
saith Jesus Christ,
the Son of God,
the Father of the heavens and of the earth
and all things that in them is.

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Ether 1:107-108

And I Am the same that leadeth men to all good.

He that will not believe My words
will not believe Me that I Am.

And he that **will not believe Me**
will not believe the Father which sent Me;
For behold, I Am the Father.

I Am the light
and the life
and the truth of the world.

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Mormon 1:88

And also that the Jews,
the covenant people of the Lord,
shall have other witness
besides that which they saw and heard,
**that Jesus whom they slew
was the very Christ
and the very God;**

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Ether 1:82-83

...Therefore, it sufficeth me to say that **Jesus showed Himself unto this man in the Spirit.**

Even after the manner
and in the likeness of the same body.

Even as He showed Himself unto the Nephites And He ministered unto him, even as He ministered unto the Nephites.

And all this that this man knew that He was God, because of the many great works which the Lord had showed unto him;

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And also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile
that Jesus is the Christ the Eternal God,
manifesting Himself unto all nations.

A 'Most Important' Scripture?

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Likely the one that:

1. comforts you in time of need or
2. answers the question most pertinent to your mind.

A 'Most Important' Scripture?

Moroni States (Ether 1):

Ether 1:98

Behold, I have written upon these plates
the very things which the brother of Jared saw.

**And there never was greater things made manifest than
that which was made manifest unto the brother of Jared.**

Wherefore, the Lord hath commanded me to write them.
And I have written them.

A 'Most Important' Scripture?

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Jesus States (Ether 1):

Ether 1:79

79 And never hath I showed Myself unto man whom I have created,
For never hath man believed in Me as thou hast.

A 'Most Important' Scripture?

Jesus States (Ether 1):

Ether 1:80

80 Seest thou that ye are created after Mine own image?

Yea, even all men were created in the beginning

after Mine own image;

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A 'Most Important' Scripture?

Jesus States (Ether 1):

Ether 1:81

Behold, this body which ye now behold is the body of My Spirit.

And man have I created after the body of My Spirit.

And even as I appear unto thee to be **in the Spirit,**

will I appear unto My people in the flesh."

A 'Most Important' Scripture?

Moroni States (Ether 1):

Ether 1:82

And now as I, Moroni, said I could not make a full account of these things which are written.

Therefore, it sufficeth me to say that

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1 JOHN 5:7 - 8

#76 THE VERSES:

"For there are three that bear record **IN HEAVEN, THE FATHER, THE WORD, AND THE HOLY GHOST: AND THESE THREE ARE ONE. AND THERE ARE THREE THAT BEAR WITNESS IN EARTH**, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS TRANSLATION

This verse is intended to support the idea that God is supposedly a trinity.

THE PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSLATION

It is well-known that all the words in capital letters (**in RED**) in the above quotation were only added to the text at some point in the Middle Ages.

As far as manuscripts predating the invention of printing by Gutenberg in the 1450's are concerned:

There are 112 Greek manuscripts which include this epistle and which DO NOT INCLUDE THIS ADDED SECTION.

1 JOHN 5:7 - 8

This added section is found in ONLY ONE manuscript, known as Codex Montfortii (also as Montfortianus).

This manuscript belongs to Trinity College in Dublin (a very appropriate location for this document).

Codex Montfortii is a late Greek MSS that was made as a translation from a copy of the Latin Vulgate; it was NOT made from earlier Greek language manuscripts.

The Catholic Church needed some "manuscript evidence" for this trinity text in order to persuade Erasmus to include it in the Greek text he was preparing, and so the monks at TRINITY College conveniently produced a Greek text with these words in it.

It should be noted that these added words had appeared in the Latin Vulgate several centuries earlier.

Thus John Wycliffe, translating from the Latin text, already included these words.

However, they do not appear in ANY Greek manuscripts before the time of the "back translated" (i.e. producing a Greek manuscript from a Latin source document) Codex Montfortii.

Let's understand something very clearly.

Whenever someone produces a "back translated" manuscript, THE PURPOSE is always the same!

That purpose is ALWAYS TO MIMIC A GENUINE SOURCE DOCUMENT! In plain language: the purpose of any "back translated" document is to produce something that is supposed TO LOOK AUTHORITATIVE.

Scholars know that these words were fraudulently added to the text.

A CORRECT TRANSLATION OF THESE TWO VERSES:

"For there are three that bear record: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one."

THE CORRECT MEANING OF THIS VERSE:

In this verse the Apostle John was referring to the three things he had mentioned in the previous verse. Notice:

“This is he that came by WATER and BLOOD,
even Jesus Christ;
not by water only, but by water and blood.
And it is THE SPIRIT that beareth witness,
because the Spirit is truth.” (Verse 6)

The next verse should correctly read:

"For there are THREE THAT BEAR RECORD:
the SPIRIT, and the WATER, and the BLOOD.
and these three agree in one."

One for Israel

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The OFI team is an amazing a remarkably diverse crew! We come from many different backgrounds and hold a variety of different theological perspectives with respect to the secondary issues of our faith.

There are, however, core theological truths that bind us together:

we believe that God become flesh to dwell among us, that Yeshua died for our sins and rose again on the third day....