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A: This Changes Everything.

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## Basic Principles

Ask God if the Book of Mormon is true. Every word True.

Believe the Message. Every word.

Strip yourself of Pride.

Ask God as the Brother of Jared did, for Him to 'show Himself' to you.

**God promises understanding.**

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## The Book of Mormon is THE Book

Not a Book to compare to other books,  
But the Book by which all others are compared.

Its words are the purest most complete word of  
God presently in the world.

# Ether 1

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99 And He commanded me that I should seal them up, And He also hath commanded that I should seal up the interpretation thereof;

Wherefore, I have sealed up the interpreters according to the commandment of the Lord.



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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.

# Ether 1

104 And he that believeth not My words,  
believeth not My disciples;

And if it so be that I do not speak, judge ye;

For ye shall know that it is I that speaketh, at the last  
day.

105 But he that believeth these things which I have  
spoken,

him will I visit with the manifestations of My Spirit,

And he shall know and bear record;

# When Scripture is Modified....

## **1 JOHN 5:7 - 8**

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

**Nelte writes:**

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.**

## When Scripture is Modified....

**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;

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For Example:

Spoken Aramaic =>Written Hebrew =>Translated Greek \* X =>

Catholic Church=>Latin Vulgate =>Back Translated Late Greek

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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.



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.

## More Correct Translation...

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.

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

# Can you See why we Need a Standard?

## Knowing that God became the Savior...

- The understanding Is/Must Be revealed by The Power of the Holy Spirit

# Compare Luke 10

## King James

**Luke 10:22** All things are delivered to me of my Father:  
**and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father;  
and who the Father is, but the Son,  
and he to whom the Son will reveal him.**

## Inspired Version

**Luke 10:23** All things are delivered to me of my Father;  
**and no man knoweth that the Son is the Father,  
and the Father is the Son,  
but him to whom the Son will reveal it.**

## Matt. 16:14-18

And when Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying,

**Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**

And they said, Some say John the Baptist; some Elias; and others Jeremias; or one of the prophets.

He said unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

And Simon Peter answered and said,

**Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

And Jesus answered and said unto him,

Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona;

**for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee,**

**but my Father who is in heaven.**

## Matt. 16:19-21

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter;  
**and upon this rock I will build my church,**  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven.

**Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus, the Christ.**



## 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,**

## The Standard: 2 Nephi 12:

39 "Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, Or maketh flesh his arm, Or shall hearken unto the precepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost.

40 "Wo be unto the Gentiles!" saith the Lord God of Hosts; "For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out Mine arm unto them from day to day, they will deny Me;

## The Standard: 2 Nephi 12:

41 Nevertheless, I will be merciful unto them, saith the Lord God, if they will repent and come unto Me,

For Mine arm is lengthened out all the day long, saith the Lord God of Hosts.

42 But behold, there shall be many at that day when I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them.

That I may remember My covenants which I have made unto the children of men. That I may set My hand again the second time to recover My people which are of the house of Israel.

## The Standard: 2 Nephi 12:

43 And also, that I may remember the promises which I have made unto thee Nephi and also unto thy father, that I would remember your seed.

**And that the words of your seed should proceed forth out of My mouth unto your seed.**

**44 And My words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth for a standard unto My people which are of the house of Israel;**

## The Standard: 2 Nephi 11:42-43

And the nations which shall possess them shall be judged of them,

according to the words which are written.

For we labor diligently to write.

To persuade our children and also our brethren,  
to believe in Christ and to be reconciled to God.

# The Book of Mormon Reveals God to Man and How to Come to Him

(for example)

Brother of Jared

Nephi's Vision

Jacob/Nephi's writings

King Benjamin's Speech

Mosiah's Proclamation

Alma's being Born Again

Jesus' own message

Mormon and Moroni's prophecy

# It is Good to Question because....

- God will answer your questions!
- But let your answers come from the standard.
- If not, nothing of scripture will make sense.

## 3 Nephi 1

9 Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death, except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet.

10 Now it came to pass that when Nephi, the son of Nephi, saw this wickedness of his people, his heart was exceeding sorrowful.



## 3 Nephi 1

11 And it came to pass that he went out and bowed himself down upon the earth.

**And cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people.**

Yea, those which were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the tradition of their fathers.

## 3 Nephi 1

12 And it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord all that day.

And behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying:

Lift up your head and be of good cheer,  
for behold, the time is at hand;

And on this night shall the sign be given,

## 3 Nephi 1

13 And on the morrow come I into the world

to show unto the world that I will fulfill  
all that I have caused to be spoken  
by the mouth of My holy prophets.

14 Behold, I come unto My own to fulfill all things  
which I have made known unto the children of men  
from the foundation of the world,

And to do the will both of the Father and of the Son.

Of the Father because of Me.

And of the Son because of My flesh.

# To Break God's Commandments...

Many times our modern culture can influence definitions of words in a way not intended by the original author.

The Bible often refers to the keeping and breaking God's commands and covenant. To "keep" the commands of God is generally understood as to "obey" the commands, but this is not completely true since the Hebrew word "shamar" ( [שמר](#) ) literally means to guard or protect.

**The breaking of the commands is understood as "disobeying" but the Hebrew word "Parar" ( [פרר](#) ) literally means to trample underfoot ).**

# Jeff Benner:

272. פָּרַר / פָּרַר / P.R.R **Translation:** Break **Definition:** To throw something on the ground and break it by trampling.  
**AHLB:** 1388-B (V) **Strong's:** 6565

## More about the word פָּרַר

*The verb parar is often translated as "break," as in "Do not break the commands of Elohiym." This word does not mean "disobey," as we often perceive it, but something much more concrete.*

(from Jeff Benner's Hebrew word dictionary)

# Jeff Benner:

## Dictionary ~ Verbs

Each Hebrew word is a picture of action. In this case, the picture is an ox treading on the grain on the threshing floor to open up the hulls to remove the seeds. To the Ancient Hebrews, breaking the commands of Elohiym was equated with throwing it on the ground and trampling on it. A child who disobeys his parents, but is genuinely apologetic, shows honor and respect to his parents. But a child who willfully disobeys with no sign of remorse has trampled on his parents teachings and deserves punishment.

# 1 Nephi 5:232-235

For the things which some men esteem to be of great worth, both to the body and soul,

others set at naught and trample under their feet;

Yea, even the very God of Israel do men trample under their feet;

I say trample under their feet,

but I would speak in other words.

They do set Him at naught

and hearken not to the voice of His counsels.

# 1 Nephi 5:

236 And behold, He cometh, according to the words of the angel, in six hundred years from the time my father left Jerusalem.

237 And the world, because of their iniquity,  
shall judge Him to be a thing of naught;

Wherefore, they scourge Him,

and He suffereth it;

And they smite Him,

and He suffereth it;



# 1 Nephi 5:

238 Yea, they spit upon Him,  
and He suffereth it.

Because of His loving-kindness and His long-suffering toward the children of men.

239 And the God of our fathers, which were led out of Egypt out of bondage, and also were preserved in the wilderness by Him,

# 1 Nephi 5:

240 Yea, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and the God of Jacob  
yieldeth Himself according to the words of the angel,  
as a man into the hands of wicked men,

To be **lifted up,**

according to the words of Zenoch,

241 And to be **crucified,**

according to the words of Neum,

242 And to be **buried in a sepulcher,**

according to the words of Zenos

which he spake concerning the three days of darkness,

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# 1 Nephi 5:

251 And as for they which are at Jerusalem, saith the prophet, they shall be scourged by all people, saith the prophet,

**because they crucified the God of Israel**

**and turned their hearts aside,**

**rejecting signs and wonders and power and glory of the God of Israel.**

252 **And because they have turned their hearts aside,** saith the prophet, **and have despised the Holy One of Israel,**

**they shall wander in the flesh and perish,**

**And become a hiss and a byword and be hated among all nations.**

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And he that will contend against the word of the Lord,  
let him be accursed;

And he that shall deny these things,  
let him be accursed.

For unto them will I show no greater things,  
saith Jesus Christ.

For I Am He which speaketh.

# 1 Nephi 3 (Vision)

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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## The Book of Mormon

Puts Jesus Christ in His proper place within

- The Jews
- The Gentiles
- Your Heart
- The Restoration



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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.