

Bob Moore No Longer Believes Mauricio's *Sealed Book of Mormon* Is Divine

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Until quite recently, Bob Moore was one of the leading promoters of the false prophet, Mauricio Berger.¹ In fact, Mr. Moore and Joseph F. Smith were the first two of “eight witnesses” Mauricio chose to assert the divinity of his claim to have received the golden plates and the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon from the Angel Moroni. So important was Mr. Moore’s leadership role in Mauricio’s Brazil Faction, that both he and Joseph F. Smith personally selected the Faction’s six additional (original) “eight witnesses”!

But on December 23, 2018, Bob Moore (along with Brad Gault, who was one of the six additional witnesses chosen by Smith and Moore) released a scathing letter that exposed and denounced a number of false doctrines and fringe teachings being taught by Mauricio, Joseph, and their Brazil Faction.² Nevertheless, at that time Moore evidently still believed Mauricio’s plates were the true sealed portion of the Book of Mormon.

However, on April 7, 2019, Mr. Moore issued a statement against Mauricio’s translation of the alleged sealed plates and posted it on the Facebook page of Jonathan Felt.³ In that post, Mr. Moore listed several historical, scriptural, and theological reasons why he now believes that “*The Sealed Book of Mormon* contains several errors that show it is not divine.” In addition, Mr. Moore states he now believes that it “is unchristian and not of God.”⁴ An exact screenshot of Mr. Moore’s declaration of April 7, 2019, appears on the next page.

1. See http://restorationbookstore.org/PPC_Brazil_Plates_Letter.pdf; and http://restorationbookstore.org/Brazil_Plates_Labans_Sword_v2-4.pdf, pages 3, 4, 10, 16, 22–25, 28–30, 36–37, 45–49; and http://restorationbookstore.org/Brazil_Faction_Prophecies_False.pdf, pages 1, 3, 5–7, 9–17, 19–26.

2. See http://restorationbookstore.org/Brazil_Faction_New_Name_Paper.pdf, pages 18–22. Note that according to page 13 of *The Sealed Book of Mormon* (published by Joseph F. Smith), Bob and Brad, as well as David Gilmore, are no longer listed as part of the “eight witnesses.” The page also indicates that three additional witnesses have been chosen to replace them.

3. Johnathan Felt (who represents himself as a “Mormon” in the “Contact and Basic Info” section of his Facebook page) is a strong supporter of Mauricio Berger’s claims regarding the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon. (See his Facebook page post for April 3, 2019. Also, a search for his name on YouTube will locate the many pro-Mauricio videos he has produced.)

4. See Bob Moore’s April 9, 2019, post at https://www.facebook.com/jonathan.clark.felt?epa=SEARCH_BOX. His declaration (which has been included on the next page) appears approximately 26 comments down from the top of Jonathan Felt’s Facebook post on that date.



Bob Moore The Sealed Book of Mormon contains several errors that show it is not divine; 1) It says that Elasah (Lehi) took a letter to Nebuchadnezzar for Zedekiah in the first year of Zedekiah's reign. The Bible and secular history reveal that it was in the 4th year of Zedekiah's reign; 2) The translation repeats the story of the Watchers as it is written in the Ethiopian Book of Enoch, a spurious book composed after the Captivity and which asserts that fallen angels took "the daughters of men" to wife. Joseph Smith's New Translation (Inspired Version) says that the sons of men took to wife the daughters of the righteous; 3) The translation states that Jonas (Jesus' disciple in ancient America) visited Paul to "above fourteen years ago" (2 Cor 12:2) to warn him not to resist Peter at the conference described in Acts 15. That means Jonas visited Paul in 42 AD, well before he was an apostle and about 8 years before he conference; and 4) the book asserts that there is a secret name of God. This is a Gnostic teaching that is in the Book of Enoch, as well as other spurious literature. This heresy, which sprouts from Hermetic paganism, asserts that there is a special knowledge (Gnosis) that is revealed to only inductees into the inner circle (i.e. the Jedi of Star Wars). This is a non-Christian teaching. These are only four flagrant errors contained in the Sealed Book of Mormon., showing that it is unChristian and not of God. Other errors exist, too.