

Mauricio Admits Asking Jader to Lie about Seeing Moroni and the Plates

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On March 24, 2018, Jader Pereira asserted that Mauricio Berger asked him to lie to LDS Church leaders by falsely testifying that he had witnessed the angel Moroni deliver the plates to Mauricio. Jader stated, “*This is all a lie!! Mauricio is deceiving everyone. . . . He wanted me to testify to my leaders four years ago that I had witnessed the delivery of the plates by the Moroni Angel to him!! But I said I would never do that! For the lie does not come from God!!*” (“Indisputable,” http://restorationbookstore.org/Brazil_Plates_Labans_Sword_v2-3.pdf, 24; italics in original). That testimonial evidently sent shockwaves through Mauricio’s group, for on May 23, 2018 he issued a special statement describing why he had asked Jader to lie. Amazingly, Mauricio not only confessed to the very treachery Jader exposed, but he asserted that Jader’s refusal to go along with the plot was a sign of Jader’s lack of faith. Mauricio stated:

The hard words that Jader told me about the lie of Satan, was for the same reason that made Jader move away from me, and I never hid from anyone that I made a mistake with Jader and with God in that regard, when I asked Jader to tell his bishop that he had seen the angel Moroni and the plates, when in fact he had never seen. This point goes into the second charge of the site where Jader responds that I asked him for it [for Jader to lie that he had seen Moroni deliver the plates], and it was precisely at this point that he [Jader] came to believe that everything [I had claimed] was a lie. I did not see any problem in asking him this [to lie] because I was quite sure that one day Moroni would show the plates to him personally, because the promise of being one of the three witnesses was his and not Brother Valdeci Machado. Maybe Jader is right when on the site he says that I am arrogant because after my excommunication I felt the desire to show LDS church that they were wrong about me but could not [yet] show the plates to Jader, [some]time after he received an email from one of the three men who were on the mountain I requested this [of] him. But for knowing the character of the Jader already [I] predicted that he would move away [from my testimony], however, I asked anyway, for I was sure that as soon as Moroni confirmed everything, he would not be disappointed with me [for asking him to lie]. But he did not allow himself that opportunity. (<https://thecauseofzion.org/mauricio-artur-berger/mauricios-writings/clarifications-by-mauricio-a-berger-05-23-2018-english-version/>; brackets added).

Note that Mauricio definitely admits he asked Jader to falsify that he had seen Moroni. Mauricio rationalizes his subterfuge by stating “I did not see any problem in asking him this [to lie].” Since Jader was supposed to be one of the three witnesses, “I was quite sure that one day Moroni would show him the plates.” Furthermore, Mauricio admitted to an “*arrogance*” in the plot and that the contrivance would assuage his “desire to show LDS church that they were wrong about me.” In further justification of his prevarication, Mauricio places the blame squarely on Jader. After all, even if Jader had not actually *seen* Moroni, had he not received an email from one of the three Nephites? Mauricio mused that the email should have been enough to convince Jader to go along with the ruse. Even though Mauricio discerned Jader’s weakness of character was causing him to “move away” from Mauricio’s tales, he “asked [him to lie] anyway, for I was sure that as soon as Moroni confirmed everything, he [Jader] would not be disappointed with me [for asking him to lie].” Mauricio then charged that Jader’s refusal to go along with the scheme is the cause for Jader’s fall from grace, which is the reason he never saw the plates and was rejected by God who had originally wanted Jader to be one of the three witnesses. Mauricio then commented, “But he did not allow himself that opportunity.”

In law there is the axiom: *falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus* (once a liar, always a liar). Once a witness has proven themselves to be a liar—*especially* if caught in a complicated lie regarding an important matter—then *everything* else he *ever* says must be doubted. And even if verified, his statements should be suspected of being born out of ulterior motives intended to shade the truth and to promote falsehoods!