

The Book of Abraham's Modern Fingerprints

Beyond the mistranslated Egyptian papyri, the Book of Abraham's text itself is riddled with anachronisms, 19th-century concepts, and borrowings, indicating a modern creation.

Fatal Flaws in the Text

1 The very first verse contains a major anachronism.

Land of the Chaldeans

1,200+ years

Term not used until 1,200+ years after Abraham.

1,200+ years AFTER Abraham

Modern library book

2 It relies on a Bible that wasn't written yet.

Genesis stories

BIBLE

Text retells Genesis stories compiled over 1,000 years after Abraham.

3 Verse 2 lifts phrasing from a modern family document.

1835 Patriarchal Blessing

1836 Book of Abraham Verse

Uses language nearly identical to a patriarchal blessing recorded a year before its creation.

4 Joseph Smith's Hebrew lessons appear in the "ancient" text.

1636

Elohim יהוה

Jehovah יהוה

Adonai אדוני

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Hebrew Grammar Book

הסדרון אדוני

Later chapters use specific Hebrew words and concepts he learned in 1838.

5 It includes a 19th-century defense of slavery.

Pro-Slavery Arguments

Curse of Ham

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The "Curse of Ham" is a modern racial concept inserted into the ancient narrative.

6 The astronomy reflects 19th-century theories, not ancient reality.

KOLOB

INTELLIGENCES

10th-Century Astronomy

Joseph Smith's Books

Concepts like "Kolob" and "Intelligences" are drawn from books Joseph Smith owned.

Debunking Apologetic "Hits"

A Claim: It correctly mentions human sacrifice.

CLAIM (Religious Sacrifice)

FACT (Political Execution)

Scholars clarify this confuses political executions with religious sacrifice.

B Claim: The place "Olishem" is a confirmed ancient location.

Olishem?

Ulisum?

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Ulisum (Wrong Geography)

The geography is wrong and the linguistics of the word "Ulisum" do not match.

C Claim: The non-biblical god "Elkenah" is a miraculous hit.

ELKENAN

FACT: "Elksnah" is not a recognized ancient deity and has no validity outside of Mormonism.