

The Golden Plates revealed!

The learning of the Jews etched boldly in hieroglyphic form upon sheets of solid gold, that the ravages of time could not diminish, whispered stridently from out of the dust of earth and time, to rescue the host of Israel—and the entirety of the world; and as a sturdy farm boy named Joseph Smith hefted the lid from the carefully hewn stone box and witnessed for himself the plates of gold, a thrill of excitement shivered through young Joseph's frame. For as an angel of God recounted the history of these ancient records, he saw and touched—for himself—the first concrete physical evidence that God and Christ had, in reality, appeared to him in vision; and that the appearance of deity was an absolute certainty and not simply the hopeful delusions of a prayerful boy.

Satan was not unaware of this significant moment. He had first struggled to prevent the vision, and he now encouraged wicked men to steal the golden record if they could. The town folk, for the most part, doubted the young boy's story when he first recounted it to a local minister; but when the rumor reached a group of cunning villains that golden plates had been discovered, they rushed to the brow of the Hill Cumorah, and finding the empty stone box laying open, they realized that a golden treasure could be had for the taking; and vowed that—whatever it took—the gold would be theirs.

The conspiracies of Satan came to naught, however, and through the gift and power of God the plates were translated into the English tongue and came forth as the Book of Mormon, another testament of Christ. Through this inspired book, and under the guiding hand of a loving God, the true Church of Jesus Christ was again restored to the earth, just as it had been in the time of the ancient apostles.

It is a wonderful story.

*All this because a humble boy, at home behind a plow,
had sought for God, and found him through a simple prayer*

that echoed from the walls of heaven, drawing forth the Father and the Son to greet him in a shaded wood, and teach him holy truths long lost to mortal man. The Book of Mormon, spawned through Jesus' love, and Joseph's sweat, bears truths that offer exaltation to the wayward souls of men.

These things I know! To this I testify!