

Book of Mormon Plagiarism

Various Passages in the Book of Mormon Are revisions from The Writings of Reverend Jonathan Edwards.

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) was an American revivalist preacher, philosopher, and Protestant minister. He played a major role in shaping the First Great Awakening in early American religious history. He was the grandfather of Aaron Burr, the third Vice President of the United States.

Jonathan Edwards, Jr. (1745-1801)	Book of Mormon - Alma 42
"this life is the only state of probation ..." p. 131	Alma 42:13 – “on conditions of repentance of men in this probationary state, ...”
"God must be just as well as merciful." p. 264	Alma 42:15 – “a perfect, just God, and a merciful God also.”
"sin is not imputed when there is no law." p. 142	Alma 42:17 – “How could he sin if there was no law?”
“It is generally agreed that murder deserves death. But suppose a law should be made, by which no murderer should be punished by death.... Would not such a law as this ... tend to encourage murder?” p. 248	Alma 42:19 – “Now, if there was no law given – if a man murdered he should die – would he be afraid he would die if he should murder?”
“if there were no punishment threatened to the wicked, it would naturally and directly encourage them to persist in vice.” p. 247	Alma 42:20 – “if there was no law given against sin men would not be afraid to sin.”
"the general good requires, that sin be punished according to its demerit,... otherwise God would not appear to be what he really is ..." p. 248	Alma 42:22 – “the law inflicteth the punishment; if not so, the works of justice would be destroyed, and God would cease to be God.”

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Jonathan Edwards, Jr., continued	
<p>“If there be moral good in any of these tempers or actions, there must be moral evil in the directly opposite; and if there be no moral evil in the latter, there is no moral good in the former; as if there were no natural evil in pain there would be no natural good in pleasure.” [1]</p>	<p>2 Nephi 2:11 – “For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things. If not so, my firstborn in the wilderness, righteousness could not be brought to pass, neither wickedness, neither holiness nor misery, neither good nor bad.”</p>
<p>"The original state was a state of order, regularity and due subordination, wherein every person and thing were in their proper places; so in this sense all things will finally be brought back to their original state ... " [2]</p>	<p>Alma 41:4 – “Therefore, all things shall be restored to their proper order, ...”</p>

1 - <https://books.google.com/books?id=SWslNDthZKIC>

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<p>“the devil, who, because he is miserable himself, is unwilling that others should be happy.” [3]</p>	<p>2 Nephi 2:27 – “the devil; for he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself.”</p>
<p>“They are enemies of God in their affections. There is in every natural man a seed of malice against God.” [4]</p>	<p>Mosiah 3:19 – “For the natural man is an enemy to God, ...”</p>
<p>“<u>gulf</u> of woe and misery.” [4]</p>	<p>2 Nephi 1:13 – “gulf of misery and woe.”</p>
<p>“when you and I shall meet before the judgment seat of Christ.” [5]</p>	<p>Ether 12:38 – “until we shall meet before the judgment-seat of Christ, ...”</p>
<p>“Christ’s condescension ...” [6]</p>	<p>1 Nephi 11:16 – “condescension of God?”</p>
<p>“infinite goodness ...” [6]</p>	<p>2 Nephi 1:10 – “infinite goodness ...”</p>
<p>“an ignominious death ...” [6]</p>	<p>Alma 1:15 – “an ignominious death.”</p>
<p>“hardness of heart and blindness of mind.” [7]</p>	<p>Ether 4:15 – “hardness of heart, and blindness of mind, ...”</p>

3 - <http://www.biblebb.com/files/edwards/je-justice.htm>

4 - <http://books.google.com/books?id=hBLGDPP7f4EC>

5 - <http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=article&aid=3433>

6 - <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/edwards/sermons.excellency.html>

7 - <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/edwards/sermons.sinners.html>