

In Summary

The premise of this writing is that Joseph Smith, Jr. did not write the Book of Mormon due to the Tree-of-Life patterns. He might have known about them. But, could he have developed and constructed the whole Book of Mormon by using them?

We have touched upon a basic understanding of how the patterns work. Over one hundred unique systems exist. Each one of these systems follows the rigid rule of endings (see 1.A.1, P.). How could Smith work these into the manuscript? Why would he publish the first edition of the book in 1830 sans versification of the text? Why did it take until 2008 for the discovery of the patterns, which occurred 100 years after the final re-versification of the Missouri edition? Who knew about these patterns in the book before 2008? Who wrote about them?

As far as I can ascertain, no one knew about them or wrote about the patterns. For whatever reason, this knowledge of the Tree-of-Life patterns came to me beginning in the year 2008. Other than my wife sharing a distant family connection with Emma Smith's line, we have no relationship with the Smith family. The Lord opened my mind to this knowledge of the Tree-of-Life patterns in the book.

What about the tree pattern itself? I believe it came from God and not a man, a group of men, or the devil. The knowledge of these Tree-of-Life structures has a history in this world. But, like most histories, the farther we go back, the more elusive it is to locate the source. We find ourselves with theories and faith in these theories. We become believers in our interpretations of the unverified doings of the ancients.

Many interpretations exist in explaining the source of the Tree-of-Life patterns. Some scholars say they came from God to

Abraham. Some counter by informing those who care that God first instructed Moses on how they work. Others point to the Assyrians in the 9th century BC or the Middle Ages in Jewish writings. No one knows for sure.

We may never know without the intervention of Jesus. In the future, I will address some additional insights that I have discovered the Book of Mormon offers us about the Tree-of-Life patterns. In other words, the book defines itself.