

There are lots of good concepts in the Book of Mormon.

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Reasons to agree:

Arguments	Argument Score	Linkage Score	Unique Score	Total Score
1. The way that faith is explained in Alma Chapter 32 should really be read by most atheist. Without reading it, faith doesn't make any sense. The concept of being judged because you don't believe something doesn't make any sense. We believe things based on evidence, and how trust worthy the teller is, and stuff. But Alma makes sense how it says that you can start the process even if you only want to believe... It says that you can plant that within you... This really is a cool part of the Book of Mormon. Of course it is possible that Joseph Smith just came up with it (as a very young man) or heard it at a sermon. But his family seemed to all come with him...	0	100%	100%	0
2. The Book of Mormon has some very progressive racial relationships with Helaman and the Stippling warriors.	0	100%	100%	0
3. Helaman Chapter 1 tells the problems with contested government, political strife, and anarchy.	0	100%	100%	0
4. The Book of Mormon often talks of people being "stirred up in Anger" by manipulative evil warmongers. This is probably something we should avoid. You can see people getting stirred up in anger, who want to go to war over the making of cartoons, or burning of books.	0	100%	100%	0
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Reasons to disagree:

Argument	Argument Score	Linkage Score	Unique Score	Total Score
1. Mormons will say that, like the Bible, the book of Mormon is simple, and will not amaze scholars that are looking for new or complex ideas. They will say that part of what is great about the book of Mormon is the stuff that it leaves out that are inaccurate views about God. Sure paradise lost is a pretty good book, but Milton wrote it is as fiction. Mormons will try to say their books is different than paradise lost in that they believe it is not fiction, and they believe the doctrine of the book of Mormon is more bulletproof than Milton's doctrine, not that it would compare on literary measurements.	0	100%	100%	0
2.				
Total				0

Reasons to agree: +4

Reasons to disagree: -1

Subargument score for reasons to agree: +0

Subargument score for reasons to disagree: +0

Total: +3

Don't like the score? It is easy to change. Just change its score by weaken it or strengthen it, by posting reasons to agree or disagree, show that the linkage between argument and conclusions are not valid, or show that arguments are redundant.

Most probable interest of those who publicly agree: (3)

Arguments	Interest Validity Score	Linkage Score	Unique Score	Total Score
1. Making the Church look bad, to validate their life choices.		100%	100%	0
2. Making the Church look bad, so it will change.		100%	100%	0
3. Telling the truth.		100%	100%	0
4.				
Total				6

Most probable interest of those who publicly disagree: (3)

Argument	Argument Score	Linkage Score	Unique Score	Total Score
1. Making the Church look good, to validate their life choices.		50%	50%	
2.		50%	50%	
Total				

Most important common interest between those who agree and disagree:

Argument	Argument	Linkage	Unique	Total
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	Score	Score	Score	Score
1. Improving the lives of women.		50%	50%	
2. The desire to be ethical				
3. Those inside and outside of the Church will at least give lip service to wanting the world to be more honest and transparent.				
Total				

Most important opposing interest between those who agree and disagree:

Argument	Argument Score	Linkage Score	Unique Score	Total Score
1. Willingness to "lie for the lord".		50%	50%	
2. The belief that God justifies actions that might help "his church" even if they don't seem ethical.				
3. The believe that god will only advance his cause through righteousness and ethical means.				
4. Differences in how strongly they feel that not telling the whole truth is the same as lying.				
5. Differences in how much they trust god in leading people to where they need to be vs how much responsibility they feel for keeping people in the Church by saying the right things, or presenting things in the most pleasing way.				
Total				

Explanation

I would like to outline the arguments related to Mormonism in linked Google Documents. I am putting thesis statements at the top of the page, with reasons to agree or disagree in separate columns. When you click on a reason to agree or disagree, it will take you to a new page where that arguments becomes its own thesis statement, with reasons to agree or disagree with it. I want those supporting and opposing their church to put forward their best arguments on each topic.

Please Help!

If you have a google account, I can grant you the ability to edit the documents.

Feel free to invite other people who are willing to live with the understanding that there might be another side.

The topics can all be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1YFAV_d4jtTIBPTHgtWk9BTVU?usp=sharing

Rules

Don't delete. If you don't think a point is valid, create a link making it a new thesis statement and post reasons to disagree with it.