

**The Book of Mormon mentions several animals, plants, and technologies for which there is currently no evidence in pre-Columbian history.**

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**Reasons to agree:**

| Arguments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Argument Score | Linkage Score | Unique Score | Total Score |
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| 1. The Book of Mormon claims that Ancient Americans had <b>Silk</b> , which there is no evidence to support. I don't even think the silk worm lived in North or South America. (Ether 9:17: "Having all manner of fruit, and of grain, and of silks, and of fine linen, and of gold, and of silver, and of precious things.") | 0              | 100%          | 100%         | 0           |
| 2. The Book of Mormon claims that Ancient Americans had Linen, which there is no evidence to support. (Ether 9:17: "Having all manner of fruit, and of grain, and of silks, and of fine linen, and of gold, and of silver, and of precious things.")                                                                          | 0              | 100%          | 100%         | 0           |
| 3. The Book of Mormon claims that Ancient Americans had cattle, which there is no evidence to support. (Ether 9:18: "And also all manner of cattle, of oxen, and cows, and of sheep, and of swine, and of goats, and also many other kinds of animals which were useful for the food of man.")                                | 0              | 100%          | 100%         | 0           |
| 4. The Book of Mormon claims that Ancient Americans had Oxen, which there is no evidence to support. (Ether 9:18: "And also all manner of cattle, of oxen, and cows, and of sheep, and of swine, and of goats, and also many other kinds of animals which were useful for the food of man.")                                  | 0              | 100%          | 100%         | 0           |

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| 5. The Book of Mormon claims that Ancient Americans had horses, which there is no evidence to support. (Ether 9:19: "And they also had horses, and asses, and there were elephants and cureloms and cumoms; all of which were useful unto man, and more especially the elephants and cureloms and cumoms..")                                                                                                       | 0 | 100% | 100% | 0        |
| 6. The Book of Mormon claims that Ancient Americans had asses, which there is no evidence to support. (Ether 9:19: "And they also had horses, and asses, and there were elephants and cureloms and cumoms; all of which were useful unto man, and more especially the elephants and cureloms and cumoms..")                                                                                                        | 0 | 100% | 100% | 0        |
| 7. The Book of Mormon claims that Ancient Americans had sheep, swine, goats, elephants wheat barley, figs, grapes, silk, steel, bellows, brass, breast plates, chains, iron working, plows, swords, scimitars, and chariots. The Smithsonian Institution has stated that "none of the principal food plants and domestic animals of the Old World (except the dog) were present in the New World before Columbus." | 0 | 100% | 100% | 0        |
| <b>Reasons to agree subargument total score:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |      |      | <b>0</b> |

**Reasons to disagree:**

| Argument | Argument Score | Linkage Score | Unique Score | Total Score |
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Reasons to agree: +7

Reasons to disagree: -0

Subargument score for reasons to agree: +0

Subargument score for reasons to disagree: +0

**Total: +7**

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<br>Validity<br>Score | Linkage<br>Score | Unique<br>Score | Total<br>Score |
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**Most probable interest of those who publicly disagree: (3)**

| Argument | Argument | Linkage | Unique | Total |
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Most important common interest between those who agree and disagree:

| Argument | Argument Score | Linkage Score | Unique Score | Total Score |
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Most important opposing interest between those who agree and disagree:

| Argument | Argument Score | Linkage Score | Unique Score | Total Score |
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Website that agree:

| Argument | Argument Score | Linkage Score | Unique Score | Total Score |
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Website that disagree:

| Argument | Argument Score | Linkage Score | Unique Score | Total Score |
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### 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](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.



# HORSE

"If it looks like a tapir, walks like a tapir, and talks like a tapir...it must be one of those non-existent ancient horses that the Book of Mormon mentions!" -Mormon Apologists