

Restoration Truth Case: Full 2-Page Cheat Sheet (Page 1 of 2)

Quantitative pressure + process constraints + witness durability. Goal: block cheap dismissal models.

FORCED-CHOICE THESIS

Claim: critics can reject restoration, but "obvious fraud" is only credible if they provide a complete explanatory model that handles all core datasets, not one isolated objection at a time.

Minimum model requirements:

1. explain ~269k-word production under spring 1829 compression;
2. explain Emma/Oliver process-continuity reports;
3. explain witness persistence under conflict and separation;
4. explain D&C 87 scoring with consistent prophecy standards;
5. explain strongest correspondence lanes (Nahom, etc.);
6. explain why satanic-origin claim passes biblical stress tests.

BOOK OF MORMON PRODUCTION MATH

Common baseline used in LDS studies: roughly 269,510 words, with major dictation concentration in Apr-Jun 1829 and frequent 60-65 working-day modeling.

| Scenario | Formula | Words/Day | Status |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| 60 workdays | 269,510 / 60 | 4,492 | very high |
| 65 workdays | 269,510 / 65 | 4,146 | very high |
| 74-day broad | 269,510 / 74 | 3,642 | still high |
| 85-day max calendar | 269,510 / 85 | 3,171 | still high |

Hourly load conversion (65-day model)

| Session Length | Hourly Pace | Minute Pace |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 8h/day | 518 words/hour | 8.6 wpm |
| 6h/day | 691 words/hour | 11.5 wpm |
| 5h/day | 829 words/hour | 13.8 wpm |
| 4h/day | 1,036 words/hour | 17.3 wpm |

Interpretive key: speech speed alone is not the argument. The argument is sustained coherent output under reported continuity constraints.

TIMELINE RECONSTRUCTION PRESSURE

- heavy dictation in a narrow spring window, not a years-long private drafting process;
- practical interruptions, movement, and social context still existed;
- even using critic-friendly day counts, output requirement remains severe.

Consequence: natural explanations must be explicit about mechanism, not generic "he was talented" language.

PROCESS PROFILE: PRIMARY QUOTES

Emma Smith: Joseph would "dictate ... hour after hour" and continue "without either seeing the manuscript or having any portion of it read."

Oliver Cowdery: "These were days never to be forgotten" and "Day after day ... to write from his mouth."

Minimal claim: these lines strongly resist a simplistic "normal writing workflow" caricature.

Caveat: recollections need historical weighting; they still remain meaningful evidence streams.

MECHANISM STRESS TEST (CRITIC OPTIONS)

A) Hidden manuscript theory

- requires substantial prior text creation with little trace;
- requires concealment across participants and later decades;
- requires process witnesses to be broadly unreliable in same direction.

B) Oral-genius improvisation theory

- grants rare verbal outlier capacity;
- must still explain long-run doctrinal and narrative continuity;
- already concedes cheap-fraud rhetoric is inadequate.

C) Collaborative fabrication-cell theory

- needs map of who knew what and when;
- needs robust insider-confession profile that matches theory;
- needs durable cover story through conflict eras.

Bottom line: each naturalist option is possible in abstract; most popular critiques leave them underdeveloped at mechanism level.

WITNESS DURABILITY PROFILE

Observed pattern: early published witness statements, later relational fracture, ongoing core affirmation.

David Whitmer: "I have never at any time denied that testimony."

Per-witness analytical notes

- **Oliver:** first-order scribe, high process value.
- **Emma:** household proximity + dictation exposure.
- **Whitmer:** estrangement context sharpens persistence signal.
- **Eight Witnesses:** tactile language prevents total visionary flattening.

COMPARATIVE WRITING CHECK (NO HYPE)

| Reference | Reported Fact | Fair Use |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Trollope | 250 words/quarter-hour | disciplined quotas exist |
| Dickens | <i>A Christmas Carol</i> in ~6 weeks | fast, shorter total |
| Kerouac | ~125k over ~20-day burst | strong comparator; later revision context |
| Joseph | ~269k over ~60-65 workdays | high sustained dictated output |

Avoid overstatement: do not say "nobody writes fast." Say "this specific profile is unusually difficult to collapse into cheap fraud theory."

PAGE 1 CLOSE

If an objection set cannot explain quant pressure + process continuity + witness durability together, it is not yet a full model.

PRACTICAL RESPONSE LINES (PAGE 1)

| Critic Claim | Direct Response |
|-------------------------------|--|
| "Speed means nothing" | Correct alone. The pressure is speed plus continuity, scale, and witness context. |
| "He just improvised" | Then show full mechanism for sustained structure under compressed timeline. |
| "All witnesses were gullible" | May explain some initial assent, not complete long-run persistence through fracture. |
| "You only cite LDS sources" | Primary religious history comes from participant records; evaluate reliability, do not auto-exclude. |

Debate control rule: if the conversation keeps changing topics to avoid mechanism details, note the unresolved burden item and return to it directly.

MECHANISM SCORECARD

| Task | Slogan-Level Critique | Complete Model Needed? |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 269k output profile | weak | yes |
| Process continuity claims | weak | yes |
| Witness persistence pattern | weak | yes |
| D&C 87 scoring | partial | yes |
| Correspondence lanes | partial | yes |

BYU Studies timing: byustudies.byu.edu/article/timing-the-translation-of-the-book-of-mormon-days-and-hours-never-to-be-forgotten/

Scripture Central rapid + word count: scripturecentral.org/evidence/book-of-mormon-evidence-rapid-translation ; scripturecentral.org/evidence/book-of-mormon-evidence-word-count

RSC process account: rsc.byu.edu/vol-4-no-2-2003/coming-forth-book-mormon

FAIR witness resources: fairlatterdaysaints.org/answers/Book_of_Mormon_witnesses

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Prophecy casebook + correspondence ranking + scripture rebuttal cards + satan-hypothesis stress testing.

PROPHECY CASEBOOK (WEIGHTED)

Case A: D&C 87 Civil War lane (high-value)

| Element | Data |
|--------------|--|
| Date | December 25, 1832 |
| Core wording | wars beginning at rebellion of South Carolina |
| Common tie | Fort Sumter / Civil War outbreak context (1861) |
| Critic line | nullification crisis made this plausible |
| LDS line | partial foreseeability possible; cumulative specificity remains nontrivial |

Case B: broader prophetic clusters

- use only with dated text anchors and confidence labels;
- avoid forcing precision where source wording is broad;
- score as cumulative evidence, not isolated miracle proof.

ONE-STANDARD HERMENEUTIC TEST

Method question: do critics apply one prophecy standard to Bible and Joseph, or strict literalism only when Joseph is in frame?

If one standard: conditionality, delay, and symbolic layers must be evaluated consistently.

If two standards: critique is confessional boundary defense, not neutral test.

Double-standard audit questions

1. What exact rule is used for Deuteronomy 18 application?
2. Is that rule applied equally to Jonah/Jeremiah patterns?
3. Is canon closure proven, or assumed?
4. What mechanism fully explains production/witness datasets?
5. Why exclude LDS primary material by default?

"COULDN'T-HAVE-KNOWN" LANE RANKING

| Lane | Confidence | Best Deployment |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Production compression | High | open with numbers |
| Witness durability | High | second anchor |
| D&C 87 lane | High | probabilistic hit |
| Nahom/NHM | Moderate+ | external geographic convergence |
| Mahaway/Mahijah | Moderate | specific, bounded convergence |
| Chiasmus architecture | Moderate | filtered examples only |

Nahom/NHM deployment notes

- text phrase "was called Nahom" points to pre-existing name signal;
- NHM consonantal data appears in relevant South Arabian context;
- route-turn discussions increase cumulative plausibility;
- strong claim is convergence, not absolute proof.

Mahaway/Mahijah deployment notes

- high-specificity name and role correspondence in Enoch/Giants lane;
- best used as convergence marker with broader Moses 6-7 discussions;
- do not use as standalone total-proof argument.

Data hygiene note: local enoch-abraham-analysis synthesis is useful for framing, but explicitly reports translation dependence, fragmentary corpus constraints, and LLM-subjectivity limitations.

SCRIPTURE REBUTTAL CARDS (DIRECT)

Card 1: Revelation 22:18-19

Objection: no more scripture, full stop.

Response: immediate textual warning concerns corruption of that prophecy; universal closure requires added argument.

Card 2: Galatians 1

Objection: LDS preach another gospel.

Response: LDS still center Christ's atonement/resurrection; dispute concerns authority/restoration structure.

Card 3: Deuteronomy 18

Objection: one miss disqualifies Joseph.

Response: apply one prophecy rule across Bible and Joseph; no selective literal tightening.

Card 4: Deuteronomy 13

Objection: different God-language means false prophet.

Response: many uses import later metaphysical assumptions as if they were immediate Deut 13 criteria; that move must be argued.

Card 5: Jude 3 / closure inference

Objection: faith once delivered ends all restoration claims.

Response: apostolic deposit seriousness does not by itself settle restoration possibility after apostasy claims.

Card 6: Sola scriptura sufficiency claim

Objection: Bible alone solves authority.

Response: does not automatically solve transmission/governance/adjudication fragmentation questions.

"SATAN DID IT" STRESS TEST

Test triad: Matthew 12 (divided kingdom), Matthew 7 (fruit trajectory), 1 John 4 (Christ confession).

Core logic: if hypothesis can explain every outcome equally, it lacks discriminative explanatory power.

Counter to "counterfeit" line: yes, deception exists; now provide coherent mechanism for why sustained Christ-centered covenant discipleship is expected strategic output.

FIELD CONVERSATION FLOW (15 MIN)

| Step | Action | Result |
|------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | set one-standard rule | blocks ad hoc shifts |
| 2 | run word/day math | forces objective frame |
| 3 | use Emma/Oliver process quotes | adds continuity constraints |
| 4 | use witness durability profile | challenges conspiracy simplification |
| 5 | use D&C 87 + Nahom lane | adds probabilistic weight |
| 6 | run scripture cards | answers proof-text attacks |
| 7 | run satan stress test | forces coherent alternative model |
| 8 | issue invitation | moves from rhetoric to decision |

FINAL CLOSURE

Critics can reject restoration. But if they cannot present a complete model that handles quant pressure, process evidence, witness durability, and strongest prophecy/correspondence lanes under one standard, then "obvious fraud" is still unproven rhetoric.

RAPID REBUTTAL STACK (PAGE 2)

| Pushback | Fast Reply |
|------------------------------|---|
| "Revelation 22 closes canon" | Immediate warning text is local; universal closure requires added argument. |
| "Galatians 1 ends Mormonism" | LDS still proclaim Christ's atonement/resurrection; dispute is authority/restoration. |
| "Deut 18 ends Joseph" | Apply same prophecy rule to Bible and Joseph; no selective literal tightening. |
| "Satan can fake all of this" | Then show coherent mechanism for sustained Christ-centered covenant output. |

Decision protocol: ask one question repeatedly until answered: "What complete model explains the whole dataset better than restoration?" If no complete model appears, register unresolved burden and close.

SOURCES (HIGH-USE)

BYU Studies timing: byustudies.byu.edu/article/timing-the-translation-of-the-book-of-mormon-days-and-hours-never-to-be-forgotten/
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Interpreter Mahaway/Mahujah lane: journal.interpreterfoundation.org/where-did-the-names-mahaway-and-mahujah-come-from-one-possible-explanation/