

## **The Twelfth Witness: Mauricio Berger's Claims and the Testimony of Jader Machado Pereira**

When I first heard about the claims of Mauricio Berger it was obvious to me that there were some serious problems with the prophetic scenario being presented. Many of the claims blatantly contradict the promises made by the Lord in scripture.

I felt impressed to tell my readers about the event that was unfolding in a blog post.

I also felt impressed to take a neutral stance in the initial blog post and to suppress my desire to expose the many problems I saw and felt with the new movement. I decided to give a dispassionate summary of what was taking place and then allow my readers to do their own research and share their own perceptions BEFORE I shared mine.

After hearing from about 20% of my readership, I was perplexed to find that so many of them seemed to be buying what Mauricio, Bob and Joseph were selling. Others were not quick to form an opinion but were very open to it.

It became apparent to me that many of my readers did not understand or did not believe the prophetic end times narrative in the scriptures that I have spent 30 years documenting.

Just a few days ago one of my readers contacted me and informed me that he is a believer in the Mauricio movement. Apparently, he and some friends went to Missouri and visited with Bob and Joseph. I suspect there are others who have partaken of the cool-aid being offered.

I can tell from my wordpress analytics that the topic of the Brazilian Golden Plates is on the minds of an increasing number of people even though the general growth of this movement seems to be on an extremely slow trajectory. It appears as if many of the Restorationists from the RLDS tradition in Missouri are becoming divided on this issue while the vast majority are taking a wait and see attitude.

Since I am one of the few bloggers addressing this issue, people who are being introduced to the claims of Mauricio and Bob and Joseph are often finding their way to my blog.

For those who are new to this blog and have been directed to it by doing Google keyword searches, you can find a chronological listing of the posts I have done on this topic below:

[Did the Marvelous Work begin on April 6th 2007?](#)

[Follow Up About the Claims Made by Elder Joseph Smith and Seventy Bob Moore at the Zarahemla Branch Testimony Meetings](#)

[Weighed in the Balance: The Claims of Mauricio](#)

[Weighed in the Balance: The Claims of Mauricio Berger- Part Two](#)

[Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting: The Claims of Mauricio Berger- The entiles Bring forth and Translate the Last Records](#)

[Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting: According to Mauricio, The Holy Ghost Endorses the Writings of the Watcher](#)

[Making the Connection Between Mark Hofmann and Mauricio Berger](#)

[Urgent–From Price Publishing Regarding Evidence that Mauricio Bergers “Golden Plates” Were Fabricated](#)

Those of you who have been following the story behind the claims of Mauricio Berger have undoubtedly listened to the testimonies given by the eight witnesses and read the testimony of the three witnesses.

You have also no doubt seen the [remarkable research](#) which has been conducted by Price Publishing.

The Price Publishing research observes that at least 12 characters in the Brazil Gold Plates match characters in the Hofmann forgery that were unique from any of the characters from the Anthon Transcript that most scholars accept as the authentic depiction which currently kept in the Community of Christ Church.

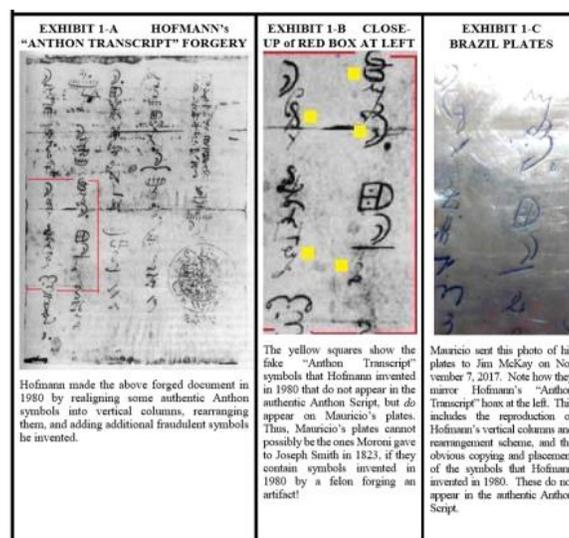
It would appear as if Hofmann either invented the characters that are unique to the authentic characters or possibly took them from pictures of other ancient artifacts)

It is amazing and very revealing that those unique characters in the Mark Hofmann forgery of the Anthon Transcript show up in Mauricio's Golden Plates!

In my opinion, the appearance of Hofmann's unique characters in Mauricio's God Plates is suspicious and very disconcerting, but not necessarily conclusive in demonstrating that the Mauricio plates are fraudulent.

Although it is highly unlikely, it is possible that the unique characters that were added by Hofmann could be in the authentic Golden Plates if Hofmann stole them from pictures of other ancient writings. It is not altogether impossible that ancient symbols from other ancient artifacts they could also show up in the Golden Plates that Joseph Smith Jr translated from.

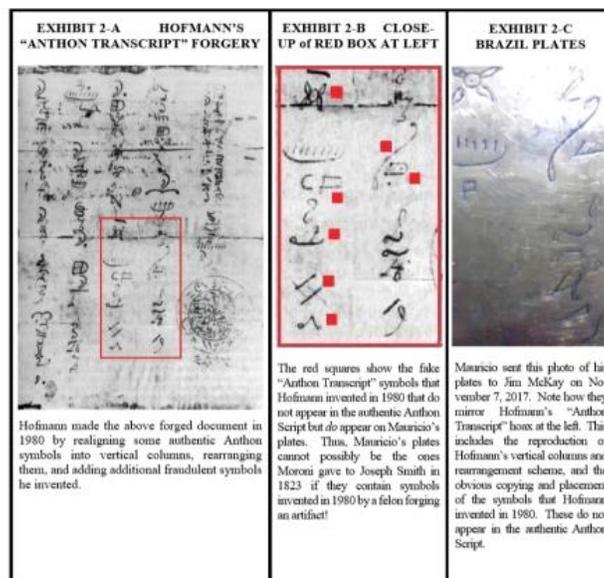
The truly remarkable thing about the research done by Price Publishing that most people are not appreciating, is that the characters in the Hofmann forgery that are not found in the authentic transcript **were in small GROUPINGS next to other characters AND THOSE EXACT SAME GROUPINGS ARE FOUND IN MAURICIO'S GOLDEN PLATES !!!!**



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It is critical to understand that the research does not just identify the singularly unique characters in the Hofmann forgery, it actually shows the inclusion of the exact *groupings* that the unique characters are in from the Hofmann forgery.

That is very important to understand because it is not just the appearance of the singular unique symbols inserted by Hofmann that proves the plates have been fabricated, it is the fact that the unique symbols show up in the golden plates in the exact same groupings *which would undoubtedly represent at least a paragraph or more of unique text when translated into English.*



In my opinion, the chances of Hofmann getting lucky and inventing those symbols *in those groupings* that would match the authentic golden plates is **ZERO**.

**Absolutely NO CHANCE IN A KaZILLION.**

This means that the plates produced by Mauricio are clearly a forgery that was created using groupings of characters from the Hofmann forgery.

Those intimately familiar with Mark Hofmann's story realize that there is no chance in h\*#! that he actually found one of the most historically significant historical items during a time when he was so busy creating forgeries and plotting to kill people.

[Tyler Measom](#) is an award winning documentary film maker. One of his projects was a production called “An Honest Lier” which is a fascinating story about those that deceive people for a living.

Tyler is currently working on a [film on the story of Mark Hofmann](#). I have recently been in contact with him and informed him about the Brazil movement, as well as the research of Price Publishing to his attention.

I believe that the documentary he is working on should show that Hofmann’s forgeries continue to deceive people to this very day.

This was Measom’s response to the email I had sent him:

**Hey there -**

**I had actually been told of this group a couple of weeks ago. I am fascinated. I read a description sent to me (attached).**

**I am not necessarily surprised that so many people were fooled by Mark Hofmann, he was a true craftsman at forging. However, I am amazed that people are still being blinded by his admitted forgeries. Thanks for the heads up on your blog.**

**TYLER MEASOM | Producer/Director | TYLERMEASOM.COM**

Tyler did not indicate in his response whether or not he was going to include this current event in his documentary. I hope he does.

### **A Strange Response to the Price Publishing Rebuttal**

During the Q&A session following the testimony of the eight witnesses someone brought up the rebuttal from Price Publishing-

**“on the internet there was a rebuttal to what you gentlemen have witnessed and testified of I don’t know if you saw that rebuttal with with..a..through brother Jim McKay and.. a. anyway I’d like someone to answer parts of that rebuttal, hopefully you’ve seen it.**

**Have you seen it some of you men up there? Seen some of that rebuttal?, um because he makes the argument of some of the**

**characters being from a man by the name of Hofmann who had plagiarized or had created these um plates and so I would like to hear some answers about that...**

The Response from Bob Moore:

**I will respond to the the Hofmann transcript or forgery however you want to term, we've prepared a statement for that... The Hofmann transcript does not match the entire back plate of the golden plates that we examined.**

**We compared the two and testify that some portions are the same and some are very different. Since the Hofmann transcript agrees with only a portion of the back plate it does not prove that the gold plates which we testify are forged.**

**We will place a copy of the transcript marking the characters that are the same as the back plate, on the site on the second invitation.org. Note that the seal on the bottom right looks the same but is significantly different that the seal on the back plate**

What a very strange response.

**“The Hofmann Transcript does not match the entire back plate of the golden plates”?!?!?**

Nobody ever said that the entire back plate had been copied from the Hofmann forgery!

That very odd response feels like it was a diversion tactic to confuse those that had not actually read the rebuttal and understood the significance of what had been discovered.

**“Since the Hofmann transcript only agrees with a portion of the back plate, it does not prove that the gold plates which we testify are forged”?!?!**

It appears as if Bob either does not understand the actual point being made in the rebuttal, or he is just employing a smoke and mirrors tactic to confuse people.

My guess is that Bob does understand the actual point being made and he simply does not have a credible answer for it. Perhaps that is why the official response that he promised to post on the second witness website *is still not showing up*.

### **The Twelfth Witness**

Now that we have had the chance to listen to the eight witnesses who simply saw some artifacts and read the statement of the three witnesses that claim to have seen the angel. I think it is important to hear from a 12th witness who was an authentic part of the foundational scenes of this movement.

He was probably the very first witness that Mauricio conjured up.

His name is **Jader Machado Pereira**.

It is my understanding that this person is currently serving in the local bishopric of the local ward and **he is denouncing the claims of Mauricio**.

Apparently Mauricio is the one that introduced Jader to the LDS Church.

It appears as if they were very good friends at the time that Jader was converted.

Jader now claims that Mauricio is a liar and deceiver and that he fabricated the whole story. He notes that Mauricio has a large ego and loves to be acknowledge. He claims that Mauricio is currently collecting tithing money from some of his Brazilian followers.

Here is how I was informed of the above denouncement-

On January 23rd of this year, I was contacted by a returned missionary of the LDS Church who had recently served in the area where Mauricio Berger lives. He apparently knew people in the local ward who work closely with Jader, the close friend of Mauricio that was supposedly the one that got Mauricio to have doubts and to break the Interpreter.

When the return missionary heard about the claims of Mauricio, he was able to make contact with Jader through friends that they had in common from the area that the RM had previously served in on his mission.

Jader gave him some very revealing information about Mauricio and also sent him numerous pics of the gold plates and the sword of Laban.

The return missionary forwarded all of this information to me and said I could share it to help people from being deceived.

Shortly after doing so the returned missionary contacted me again and said he had changed his mind and said he would prefer that I not share it.

At the time I decided to suspend sharing the information in a post even though I felt it was information that needs to be shared. I felt that it was only a matter of time until the testimony of Jader would be given to others along with the pictures of the plates that he sent to the RM.

I decided that I should hold off on sharing this information until it made its way into the public domain through other sources. After that, I would publish it to provide additional context to the story Mauricio is promoting.

Sure enough, I have now received most of the same pictures of the plates from an independent source. I have also received another testimony from Jader from an independent source that mirrors what he had told the return missionary.

Because this information is now in the public domain, I now feel good about sharing the information that I have been sitting on.

### **The Testimony of Jader Machado Pereira**

In this post I am going to share the testimony from Jader to the return missionary as well as a supporting testimony given to a restorationist living in Missouri who contacted Jader on Facebook.

I think that you will see that both testimonies are quite similar. In the second testimony by Jader, he acknowledges and validates his previous conversation with the returned missionary.

Those wanting to validate the authenticity of these testimonies could possibly contact Jader himself although I have since heard that Jader wants to just move on and not get caught up in the drama. It is possible that he is fearful about retaliation from local people who are sympathetic to Mauricio.

I will also be publishing the pics that the LDS missionary got from Jader of the plates and sword of Laban.

Here is what the returned missionary said to me when he first contacted me

**My name is XXXXXXXX XXXX and I read your post about the apostasy happening in Brazil. I recently found out about it myself and instantly became interested because, well, I served in the very ward where all of this is happening for seven months.**

**I am very familiar with some of the people involved and I have several pictures you would be interested in. I even called Jader and had a 30 minute conversation with him telling his testimony of how false it is. Get back to me! I would love to share. If you want to text, my number is XXX XXX XXXX**

This was my response

**Wow**

**How interesting!**

**I would love any information that you might have.**

**I no longer feel the need to expose this fraud. I think I have done an adequate job of that, HOWEVER, this is turing into interesting human interest story of how and why people deceive other people.**

**I have pondered the situation with Mauricio. Has he simply been deceived by lying spirits and false messengers from the other side, or is this a fraud he has crafted because of pride. Perhaps the church had offended him. Or perhaps this is about parlaying his new elevated status as the Lord's seer into financial gain?**

**I don't know. But it is really fascinating.**

**Jader is obviously a key component to all of this.**

**I would love to get any additional credible information about Jader, and his involvement, or anyone else involved, that I**

**possibly can. If you are willing to share the information that would be great. I can leave your name out of it if you prefer or I can include it. It is up to you. I have three informants right now who all desire to stay anonymous. I have kept my word and not mentioned their names.**

**Does Jador speak English?**

**Do you know if he has read my series on this?**

**It is very odd that no other bloggers that I am aware of are covering this fascinating story.**

**It would be helpful if you could give me some background information about yourself and how long it has been since your served in that area on your mission.**

**I look forward to hearing from you**

This was his reply:

**Jader does not speak English. Jader's story is interesting. Mauricio was the one that introduced him to the church. Soon after he was baptized is when Mauricio started telling him all of this apostasy.**

**A few years went by and around 2011/2012, Mauricio approached Jader and wanted him to go back to his bishop and stake president and lie that he had seen an angel, but you already know that.**

**Also, something very interesting is that back when this all started, according to Jader, Mauricio first reach out to the mission president at the time, and even sent a letter to the First Presidency. When he noticed they wouldn't budge, that's probably where he took the route with Joe F and Bob Moore.**

**Have you heard of Joni? He has also been there since the beginning. Him and Valdeci. Valdeci is the tall man in the picture you posted with joe and Mauricio side by side.**

**They were both from the ward I was serving in. Joni, was young men's president. ...**

**I wanted to respect them, but Jader did say that Mauricio is taking their tithing money. He also said that Mauricio is the type of person that likes to be acknowledged.**

**So I served my mission from 2014-2016. I served in this ward from February 2015-September 2015. I am very familiar with the members there. I just met with a family from there yesterday and had lunch with them.**

**Their brother/son is Joni's Brother in law. (Their wives are sisters) and they gave me some valuable pictures. If you don't mind keeping me anonymous that would be great. I have no problem with you sharing the fact that I served there or even the dates that I served there.**

**The guy I met with yesterday had a stake calling before moving here and the stake was aware for years. He was even home teaching companions with Joni and he said that Joni would try to convince him when they would go out together.**

**Why Joni was in the church still? I don't know. His wife was even relief society president. Super strong family and I never saw this coming, but they had been apart of it since the beginning. Joni thinks highly of the church, he just believes that there is "more".**

**We recorded the phone call with Jader and I started a manuscript translation of it, but I got a new phone and lost the recording. The two guys I'm working with should have it still though.**

**Mauricio also claimed that Peter was emailing him after the Christmas Day encounter with him hahaha. Jader said that Mauricio was forwarding the emails to him and the language "Peter" was using was very similar to Mauricio's.**

**We asked Jader if he would be willing to confront them to get more answers but he wants to stay away from them which is completely understandable.**

**I will send you the pictures in another email. I don't mind if you post them.**



**The... picture shows Joni dressed in white. He baptized him. You can see both Valdeci and Joni in the picture holding the “gold plates” and “sword of Laban”. Their friend there, his name is Wagner Raugust or something like that. He was also a member from another ward, I never knew him. The glass I believe is what they claim to be a part of the Urim and Thummim. Interesting stuff! Haha**





The above picture is Joseph F. Smith and Bob Moore posing with the plates.

### **The True Plates will be Hid from the Eyes of the World**

In my opinion, the very fact that Mauricio allowed the plates to be photographed and shown to the world in an effort to convince people of his claims is contrary to prophecy and the will of the Lord.

The Lord has made it clear that the world would not have the opportunity to see the plates because they must be tested to see if they will believe the witnesses and the content that is to be translated:

**12 Wherefore, at that day when the book shall be delivered unto the man of whom I have spoken, the book shall be hid from the eyes of the world, that the eyes of none shall behold it save it be that three witnesses shall behold it, by the power of God, besides him to whom the book shall be delivered; and they shall testify to the truth of the book and the things therein.**

**13 And there is none other which shall view it, save it be a few according to the will of God, to bear testimony of his word unto the children of men; for the Lord God hath said that the words of the faithful should speak as if it were from the dead.**

**14 Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to bring forth the words of the book; and in the mouth of as many witnesses as seemeth him good will he establish his word; and wo be unto him that rejecteth the word of God!**

As you can see, only a handful of witnesses are to see the book when it comes forth. The rest of the world is not allowed to see the plates. In my opinion, the world will not even see *pictures* of the true plates, according to scripture. I believe that is the both the spirit and letter of what the prophecy is saying.

People are to be tested based on the testimony of the witnesses and on reading the translation of the content. Seeing the plates is forbidden by the Lord. That is why they are to be hid up.

### **Their Faith must first be Tried**

Here are some additional passages to ponder:

**6 And now there cannot be written in this book even a hundredth part of the things which Jesus did truly teach unto the people;**

**7 But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which he taught the people.**

**8 And these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things which he taught the people; and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken.**

**9 And when they shall have received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their faith, and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them.**

**10 And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation.**

**11 Behold, I was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbadeit, saying: I will try the faith of my people.**

Believers must first pass the trial of faith. The Gentiles must first repent before they can behold the plates.

**The sealed portion cannot come forth until AFTER the Gentiles repent**

**5 Wherefore the Lord hath commanded me to write them; and I have written them. And he commanded me that I should seal them up; and he also hath commanded that I should seal up the interpretation thereof; wherefore I have sealed up the interpreters, according to the commandment of the Lord.**

**6 For the Lord said unto me: They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord.**

**7 And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw**

Have the Gentiles repented?

No!

Does it make sense that a Brazilian is going to begin translating the sealed portion before we Gentiles repent?

Of course not.

The last great work is to be a *test of faith*. It is contrary to the will of God that His servant should be putting on a dog and pony show with photographs, trying to convince and convert people by sending forth pictures of the gold plates and digital pictures of angels that look like they have been taken from a clip art gallery that has been photo-shopped.



### **The Gentiles Must First Repent and Become like the Brother of Jared**

Have the Gentiles repented and become clean before the Lord like unto the Brother of Jared?

The sealed portion cannot come forth until AFTER the Gentiles repent.

In my opinion, it is unscriptural that the sealed portion will come forth and be made visually available to the whole world through photography, and translated BEFORE the Gentiles repent.



The above picture appears to be the same picture that Price Publishing got from Mr. Jim McKay, a person I have never had any contact with. I am sure

that Mr. McKay will also validate the fact that he has never been in contact with me.



The likelihood that the symbols and so much content would be showing on the top page of the seal portion of the plates is quite low in my opinion. It is somewhat illogical. Why would it be sealed, if symbols representing so much content are easily seen on the top page?



Here is another conundrum. According to the witnesses of the plates during Joseph Smith's ministry, between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the plates were sealed. However in the picture above and below, it appears as if significantly more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the plates are sealed.

Probably over 80%!

Someone forgot to do their research when they fabricated the plates!



Here is a quote from an article in the New Era

**According to Joseph Smith's associates who saw the golden plates, anywhere from half to two-thirds of all the plates were in the sealed portion (see Kirk B. Henrichsen, "What Did the Golden Plates Look Like?" New Era, July 2007, 31).**

### **Collecting Tithing**

There have been some believers in the Mauricio movement that have noted how noble it is that Mauricio has does not appear to have a financial motivation behind his claims and the new religious movement that he has started. They claim that he has not asked for any financial assistance from his believers in America, however, according to the testimony of Jader, Mauricio is already collecting tithing from some of his Brazilian followers.

### **The second testimony of Jader**

Here is what the Restorationist person in Missouri shared with me- as shared through facebook and Google translate:

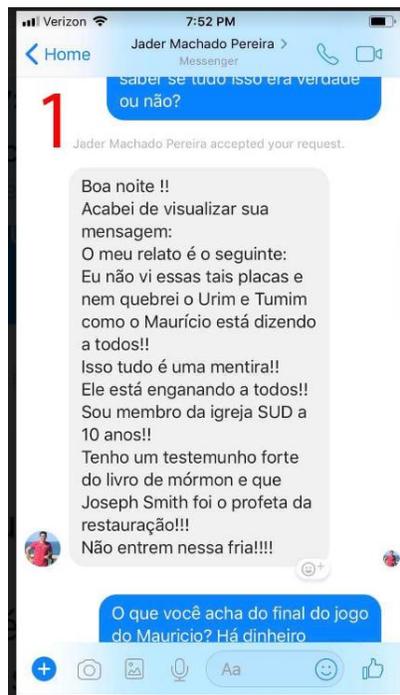
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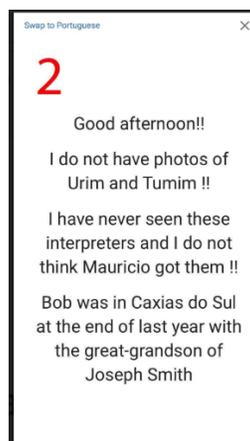
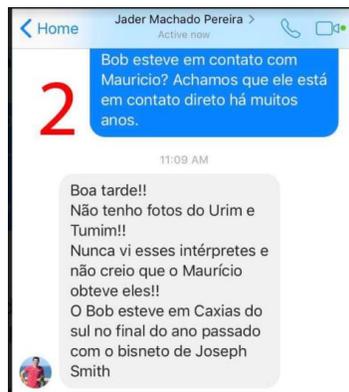
**I felt like reaching out to that Jader guy recently on Facebook and he wrote me back this past week. It is just another confirmation for me of the deception of the Mauricio claims.**

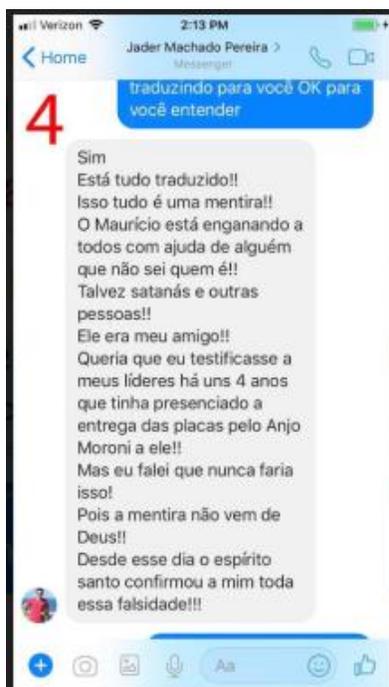
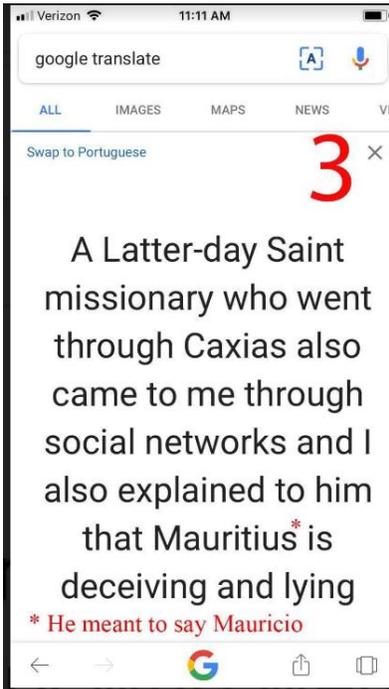
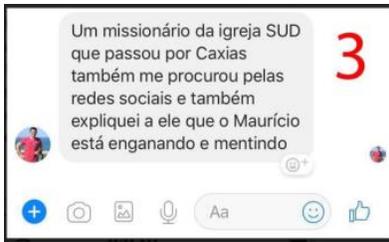
I had to use google translate to communicate with him so the translations are not perfect but you still get the idea of what he is saying. I have numbered of the responses 1-4, the Portuguese one then the translation to go with it.

I asked him if it was ok to pass this info along to tell the people up here and he said it was fine. Just thought I would share it with you.

Take care









As you can see, the facebook conversation that Jader had with this person reiterates and substantiates the conversation that he had with the LDS returned missionary.

Jader was introduced to and converted to the LDS church through the efforts of his good friend Mauricio. Eventually Mauricio asked Jader to help him perpetuate a lie about the Golden Plates. Jader refused to participate in the deception.

### **Mauricio Is Telling People What They Want to Hear**

For 30 years I have been documenting all of the prophecies and unconditional promises of the Lord that state unequivocally that Joseph Smith and his brethren, who the Lord refers to as the “first elders” and the “first laborers of the last kingdom”, will return back to the earth to finish their missions and redeem Zion.

When I mentioned this to Bob Moore, he essentially told me that he did not interpret those revelations the way I did.

Interestingly, Mauricio told one of my readers something that will surprise Bob Moore.

When my friend bore his testimony that Joseph Smith was going to return to the earth to complete his mission, Mauricio agreed with him!

Here is what Mauricio said to my friend:

**Hi XXXXX**

**I was surprised to hear your statement that Joseph is coming back.**

**I say this because Moroni instructed me and the other three witnesses about it. He said that not only would Joseph return, but also the first elders who worked with him in the vineyard of the Lord in the early days of the restoration.**

**I was also informed of a small group that understands this today, but that most of the saints will not be ready to receive Joseph on his return because they do not recognize him ...**

**I was also informed that this translation work will prepare some saints in Missouri to recognize Joseph among them and that he will be the Mighty and the strong that will erect the temple of the Lord in the last days, and by his hand the temple will be dedicated to the Lord. Just as promised in the revelations given by him.**

**But this is a subject I should not speak of, because it may sound like heresy to the saints who will come from Missouri to be the eight witnesses to the plaques and thus lose credibility with them.**

**Thank you for exposing your belief to me.**

**How do you understand that?**

**How far do you understand?**

**And will you be part of this or the leader of that group that Moroni said exists in the present that already understands the return of Joseph Smith?**

One of the things that has already been established and documented in a previous post is that Mauricio has been reading my blog for some time now. He is actually the one that referred Bob Moore to one of my blog posts, telling Bob that my blog post was inspired. I believe that Mauricio did this to gain credibility with me and my readers.

Sadly, there are some of my readers who have been duped by the cunning of Mauricio and the father of lies.

Mauricio was simply telling my friend that Joseph Smith and the first elders are going to return to gain credibility with him.

After having rejected the doctrine that Joseph Smith Jr. is going to return, I suspect that Bob Moore will be surprised to learn that Mauricio has been teaching selected people that doctrine.

### **A Carefully Planned Set Up?**

As we look at all of the facts that show the many discrepancies with the claims of Mauricio Berger, one has to wonder if this whole drama was planned and carefully orchestrated. The question is, are the key players in the Mauricio movement simply passionate and impatient about the final work and trying to force it along, or are they shrewd and conspiring individuals who are intentionally trying to deceive others.

### **The New Organization of the Church of Jesus Christ**

I recently came upon some interesting information about Bob Moore while searching on the Internet which I think sheds light on what he has been up to and what has motivated him for many years-

The following information is taken from a very revealing online article that appears to have been written in 2011 titled “Another Joseph Smith Offshoot: The New Organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints”

**In recent times, dozens of new splinter groups claiming to be the true followers of Joseph Smith have cropped up, including a number who practice polygamy. There have also been many factions from the former RLDS Church. One such group formed in 2005 is called The New Organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (shortened to “New Organization” in the rest of this article). On May 17, 2011, two members of the church’s Seventy—Bob Moore and Patrick McKay (and we’ll identify for the rest of the article by their first names)—met at a public venue in South Jordan, UT with several people who were interested in learning more about their church.**

**The New Organization began in April 2007, two years after the Community of Christ leaders ordained Steve Veazey as their new prophet. Since W. Grant McMurray was named as the RLDS president in 1995—the first in the church’s history with no direct blood line to Joseph Smith—this organization has been led by non-relatives of Smith.**

**Yet it was, according to the New Organization, Veazey’s “ordination (that) violated the scriptures and was as invalid as the ordination of Brigham Young to the presidency in 1847, 158 years before. Just as the 1847 unlawful act disorganized the original church and created the Utah Mormon Church, the 2005 unlawful act disorganized the Reorganized Church and created the Community of Christ.”**

**The New Organization had a General Conference in 2008 and formed a quorum of Seventy; rules were established in November 2008 for the ordination of priests. Currently the church is very missionary-minded, looking to establish members wherever possible. When enough members are made, they are placed into “branches”; eventually branches are then placed into districts.**

**Using timelines based on Old Testament passages, the church holds that Joseph Smith's successor as predicted in the Bible is about to be discovered.** Bob said his father was an RLDS missionary who participated in the original priesthood ordination of Wallace B. Smith (1929- ), who later became the last RLDS president with a direct blood line to Joseph Smith. When that event took place, "He (Bob's father) saw Joseph the Martyr when he laid his hands on Wallace's head and he (his father) was carried away in a vision." According to the father's testimony, the mantle literally went from Joseph's head and "landed on Wallace's shoulders."

**Yet Bob admitted that Wallace—who is 82 years old in 2011—has not yet joined the movement that aims to restore Zion to its former glory. According to Bob, Wallace promised that he would pray about his future involvement with this new church**

It is my understanding that the "new organization" referred to above, that Bob Moore and others attempted to start, eventually morphed into what is now called the **Joint Conference of Restoration Branches**. That organization does not claim to be a church, rather they are attempting to maintain the standard of the old RLDS church, although they have ordained apostles.

I have heard from one of my sources that Bob Moore left the above group and embraced the Mauricio scenario because his theory on the prophetic timeline of end times events requires a prophet who is a descendant of Joseph Smith Jr. to be involved in the movement.

### **Joseph Smith's Successor is About to Be Discovered**

It is remarkable that in April of 2007, at the same time that Mauricio Berger was supposedly having his angel experience, Bob Moore is involved in the creation of a new church.

It is even more astounding that the foundational goal of the new church was to recruit a descendent of the prophet Joseph Smith Jr. to be his successor.

It was announced by leaders of the movement that this descendent of Joseph Smith was about to be discovered, to lead the new movement. By using prophetic timelines from ancient prophecy, Bob Moore and his brethren of the new movement apparently determined that the appointed time for the descendent of Joseph Smith to come forward had arrived.

**Using timelines based on Old Testament passages, the church holds that Joseph Smith's successor as predicted in the Bible is about to be discovered**

It is a remarkable coincidence that Mauricio Berger was claiming to receive a visit from the Angel Moroni at the same time Bob Moore was involved in the creation of a new Movement that was hoping to discover the blood descendent of Joseph Smith Jr. who would lead the movement and help establish Zion.

According to the article, Bob Moore and other leaders of the New Movement were trying to persuade Wallace B. Smith to come out of retirement to lead the cause of Zion at the very time that the predicted event was to take place.

When Wallace B. Smith prayed about the venture and ultimately refused to participate, the plans of the movement were put on hold until another blood descendent of Joseph Smith Jr could be recruited.

Coincidentally, Mauricio's movement stalls at the same time and he apparently needed to wait for an extended period of time before he could do anything with Moroni and the plates.

**Bob Moore Attempting to Recruit Mormons in Utah**

The following video shows a Q&A session following a three hour presentation on the "**new movement**" that Bob Moore and Patrick McKay gave in Jordan Utah on Tuesday May 17 2011.



## Connecting the Dots

In 2012, Bob Moore published a book titled **“Prophecy and the Restoration”**. That book has largely become part of the blueprint for what appears to be the very carefully crafted drama that we are currently witnessing.

In the book, Bob quotes passages in 2nd Samuel 7 showing that God had promised to build the house of David (pg 145) and appoint a place for the gathering of the house of David in America (pg 146).

He then makes the following observation on pg 154:

**“Confining our view to just Joseph and Emma Smith’s children, Wallace B. Smith and Joseph F. Smith are two of their great grandsons still living.**

**Both are in their 80’s, confirming that we are at the end of the third and fourth generation.**

**It is a remarkable testimony to the divinity of the latter day revelation and the central purpose of the Restoration that the**

**span of punishment on the church is drawing to an end simultaneously with the polarization in America, both politically and religiously, and the preparation for war with Russia and the Islamic militant terrorists.”**

Bob then makes reference to the Davidic Kingdom that God has promised to reestablish through the lineage of Joseph Smith Jr:

**“God will purify the land at the time when He begins completing the holy house that He promised King David”. (pg 155)**

As one reviews the above information, it begins to appear as if Bob Moore has been laying the foundation for the current drama that we are witnessing with Joseph F. Smith, Mauricio, and the Gold Plates.

From the creation of the New Church, the Claims that Bob and his brethren have made about the prophetic time for the descent of Joseph Smith to come forth, his identifying of Wallace B. Smith and Joseph F. Smith as the two likely candidates, and the books on prophecy that Bob has written with a supporting prophetic narrative, it rather appears as if Bob Moore has been laying the foundation for the current drama that we are all witnessing.

In his book, Bob makes the false assumption that has become the trademark of the Mauricio movement when he claims that it is the opening and translation of the sealed portion that begins the gathering of the elect:

**“The purpose of the descent of righteousness and the revelation of the sealed portion is to help gather the Lord’s people” (pg 157)**

That declaration is simply a false interpretation of scripture.

The revelation in the sealed portion does not come forth before the elect have been gathered.

The Book of Mormon makes it clear that God's final work of gathering his people must take place BEFORE the sealed portion comes forth.

The sealed portion does not come forth during the DAY OF WICKEDNESS before the Gentiles repent.

**6 And it shall come to pass that the Lord God shall bring forth unto you the words of a book, and they shall be the words of them which have slumbered.**

**7 And behold the book shall be sealed; and in the book shall be a revelation from God, from the beginning of the world to the ending thereof.**

**8 Wherefore, because of the things which are sealed up, the things which are sealed shall not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people. Wherefore the book shall be kept from them.**

I think we can all agree that we are still living during the day of wickedness.

We Gentiles have not yet repented and brought forth the fruits that the brother of Jared brought forth.

We Gentiles have not become clean before the Lord and repented of our iniquity. We have not yet offered up a broken heart and a contrite spirit. We have not exercised the faith of the brother of Jared unto the rending the veil of unbelief:

**5 Wherefore the Lord hath commanded me to write them; and I have written them. And he commanded me that I should seal them up; and he also hath commanded that I should seal up the interpretation thereof; wherefore I have sealed up the interpreters, according to the commandment of the Lord.**

**6 For the Lord said unto me: They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord.**

**7 And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the**

**Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw.. it hath not come unto you, because of unbelief.**

**15 Behold, when ye shall rend that veil of unbelief which doth cause you to remain in your awful state of wickedness, and hardness of heart, and blindness of mind, then shall the great and marvelous things which have been hid up from the foundation of the world from you—yea, when ye shall call upon the Father in my name, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, then shall ye know that the Father hath remembered the covenant which he made unto your fathers, O house of Israel.**

**16 And then shall my revelations which I have caused to be written by my servant John be unfolded in the eyes of all the people.**

As you can see we gentiles have not yet become like the brother of Jared.

### **They Claim the Seals have been Removed**

The statement released by the witnesses is somewhat confusing because on the one hand, it claims that the seals were removed.

**“We further declared that in our presence the seals were removed which had tightly bound the greater portion of the plates. We beheld and examined the plates that were newly loosed...”**

Yet in the next sentence, it claims that “the more part of the plates remained sealed”:

**“Further we bear record that the more part of all the plates remain sealed and are to come forth by the will of Jesus Christ in his own due time..”**

Which is it?

The plates are either sealed or not sealed.

I have just been sent pictures of the unsealed plates by yet another informant that has been in contact with Mauricio.



As you can plainly see, the plates are completely unsealed. The seals have been completely removed and are sitting next to the plates.



## **Bob's Book on Prophecy is the Template for Mauricio's Claims**

As previously mentioned, Bob Moore has written a book about prophecy.

The false doctrine that the gathering takes place AFTER the sealed portion is translated and brought forth was taught by Bob Moore in his book which was published way back in 2012. That book appears to provide the prophetic template for the foundational claims of Mauricio.

In his book, Bob Moore provides the following quote from D&C 103 which is referring to the parable of the redemption of Zion in D&C 101 to show that a deliverer will come forth to lead God's people in power:

**“God promised a deliverer for the saints of the early church: ‘Behold, I say unto you, The redemption of Zion must needs come by power; therefore I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel, for ye are the children of Israel, an of the seed of Abraham’**

Bob then observes that the appearance of this end times deliverer will accompany the coming forth of the sealed portion. (pg 168 )

Sadly, Bob intentionally left out the part of the passage in section 103 that specifically identifies who the deliverer is:

**21 Verily, verily I say unto you, that my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., is the man to whom I likened the servant to whom the Lord of the vineyard spake in the parable which I have given unto you.**

Bob Moore's false interpretations of prophecy appear to be the template from which Mauricio's claims are constructed.

It is apparent from Bob's book on prophecy written in 2012 that we are living in the generation in which God will send his deliverer. Bob has identified Wallace B. Smith and Joseph F. Smith as the two grand children of Joseph Smith Jr. that are still alive and could fill the prophetic role.

He claims that God's work begins when the sealed portion comes forth and is opened.

### **Recruiting a Blood Descendent of Joseph Smith Jr.**

As previously documented, Wallace B. Smith refused to lead the new movement that Bob Moore was involved in starting.

That leaves Joseph F. Smith to fill the position.

Those who are familiar with Joseph F Smith's personal life just prior to his becoming involved with the Zarahemla Branch are aware that he was working as a janitor and grounds person for a Baptist Church.

Eventually he was contacted by Bob Moore about becoming involved with the Zarahemla Branch.

After being contacted by Bob, he then mysteriously quit his job and began preaching at the Zarahemla Branch.

How did Joseph replace his income from the job he quit?

It is not typical for most restoration branches to pay their pastors and preachers. Like the Mormon Church, the local branches do not have a paid ministry.

It does not make sense that Joseph would simply quit his day job just so that he can associate with the branch and preach from time to time.

How does Joseph F. Smith make a living since he quit his former job?

Although he asks for donations on his website, it is doubtful that he earns enough through donations to provide a living. By his own admission, his social security retirement is rather meager because of his logging and background.

**Joseph F. Smith, the great-grandson of Joseph Smith, the Seer, worked his life as a logger and a carpenter. He was self-employed most of that time. For that reason his Social Security**

**income is small, requiring him to continue working to meet his modest needs. He recently quit his handyman job to minister full time. He now relies on the contributions of others, just as Joseph Smith Ministries does.**

This begs the question, does he receive any kind of financial compensation from Bob Moore, Bob's construction company, or the Zarahemla Branch for his services?

Was Joseph lured away from his job by Bob Moore? Is Joseph F. Smith the blood descendent that Bob Moore has been looking for to lead the cause of Zion?

### **Streaming Video for a Small Congregation?**

It seems to me that it is uncommon for such a small congregation as the Zarahemla Branch to go to the cost and trouble of doing live streaming of their services each Sunday, particularly since so few people even view it. Even with all of the publicity that has been generated about his movement, only about 100 people cared about Bob's lesson on how the marvelous work is going to unfold.

Is it not counterproductive and financially excessive for a small branch that wants to encourage active participation of their local membership to give people such a convenient reason to stay home and watch it on their computer instead of coming to church.

Once again, one has to wonder if the establishment of the streaming video capabilities was previously done in anticipation of staging a worldwide prophetic drama.

As time moves on, more and more pieces of the puzzle are coming together.

When I first analyzed this new movement, my gut feeling was that Mauricio Berger or someone in Brazil was the wizard behind the curtain and that Bob Moore and Joseph F. Smith were simply victims of a deception. However, it is beginning to look like Bob Moore may very much be involved in the planning of this scheme.

It is my belief that the six witnesses and even Joseph F. Smith have all been innocent victims of a carefully executed scheme to deceive. Because they, like many of us have a passionate desire for the establishment of Zion, they have been duped by a carefully orchestrated conspiracy to deceive. It is only a matter of time until this scam has been fully exposed.

In summary, it appears as if an attempt to create a New Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints by Bob Moore and his associates in April of 2007 took place at the same time that Mauricio was claiming to have his encounter with the angel Moroni.

In interviews with Bob Moore and/or his associates, they claimed that we are living in the last generation and that the appointed successor and literal descendent of Joseph Smith Jr. was about to be discovered according to ancient prophecy.

This prophetic narrative is further solidified in Bob's book on prophecy and in the book, he implies that the appointed descendent is either Wallace B. Smith or Joseph F. Smith.

When the leaders of the new church were unable to entice either of the candidates to accept the prophetic mantle for the church, things were put on hold. Curiously, Mauricio's movement also went into a stall causing him to do very little for many years.

Eventually, Bob Moore appears to have contacted Joseph F. Smith while he was working as a janitor and maintenance person for a Baptist church and convinced him to associate with and preach to the Zarahamla Branch.

At this time Joseph mysteriously quit his job despite his online plea for financial assistance in his ministry.

Finally, Bob Moore and Joseph F. Smith claim to have been contacted by Mauricio Berger who had previously sent his translated Book of Lehi to the LDS Church and also attempted to lure leaders of the Temple Lot Church to come to Brazil to see the plates and investigate Mauricio's claims.

Do you see a disturbing pattern here?