

Table 6. Religious Parallels between the <i>Book of Mormon</i> and <i>The Maya</i> (Ninth Ed. By M. D. Coe & S. Houston)				
		<i>The Maya</i> <i>9th Ed.</i>	<i>The Book</i> <i>of Mormon</i>	Quality
#	<u>Correspondence</u>	<u>(pages)</u>	<u>(citation)</u>	<u>Specific?</u>
1	Central role of temples (ritual centers) in society	6, 55, 59, 82, 8	2 Nephi 5:16; Mosiah 11:8-10; 3 Nephi 11:1	X
2	Strong Christian elements in Maya religion	71, 227, 289	Title Page and the entire book	X
3	Change in popular cults in late Preclassic	81	4 Nephi 1:20, 35-40	X
4	Close association of temples with sacred mountains/hills (pyramids)	82, 180-182, 2	2 Nephi 12:2-3; Old Testament up to 600 BC	X
5	Human sacrifice practiced	100, 104, 198	Mormon 4:14, 21	X
6	Seers (hmeen) and seer stones	107, 294-297	Mosiah 8:13-17; Mosiah 28:13-16; Ether 3:23-24, 28	X
7	Temple and other rituals involve bloodletting	129, 184, 243	Jarom 1:5,11; Alma 25:15-16; Mosiah 13: 27-28	X
8	Belief in resurrection	71, 88, 195	2 Nephi 9:12; Alma 41:2; Alma 33:22	X
9	Baptismal rite among Maya	233	2 Nephi 31:13; Mosiah 21:35; Moroni 6:1-4	X
10	Ritual walking in straight roads symbolizes righteous behavior	0, 163, 182, 24	2 Nephi 4:32; 2 Nephi 9:41; Alma 7:9	X
11	Humans obligated to abide by covenants, God usually involved	242	Mosiah 5:6-8; Mosiah 6:1-2; Mosiah 21:31-32	X
12	Sacred books and objects passed on by priests (some father to son)	243	ords of Mormon 1:1; Mosiah 1:16; Alma 37:1-2; Alma 6	X
13	Hereditary chief priests	243	Mosiah 29:42; Alma 45:22-23; Alma 46:6	X
14	Existence of opposites is an essential part of creation	251	2 Nephi 2:11-15	X
15	Pantheistic religion and idols	160, 166, 168,	7:6; Alma 17:15; Alma 31:1; Helaman 6:31; Mormon 4:	X
16	Sorcery and witchcraft present	218, 256, 297	Alma 1:32; Mormon 1:19; Mormon 2:10	X
17	Ritual for renewal of the community	294-95	Mosiah Chapters 1-6	X
18	Blending of priestly and political roles in one person	243	Mosiah 2:1; Book of Alma: Foreward	X
19	Divination, consulting an oracle for "secular" guidance	243, 292	1 Nephi 3:11; Alma 16: 5-6	X
20	Time specific prophecies	199, 227	Alma 45:10; Helaman 13:5; Helaman 14:1-4	X
21	Calendars kept by holy men/priests	243	3 Nephi 8:1-5	X
22	Virtuous persons "confess"	242	Mosiah 26:29; Alma 17:4; Helaman 5:17	X
23	Incense burning as religious act	232, 242	of Moses: Exodus 30:1,8; Leviticus 2:1; Deuteronomy 3	X
Product of the probabilities of these 23 religious correspondences				

of Correspondence		
<u>Detailed?</u>	<u>Unusual?</u>	<u>Probability</u>
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