

The First Vision

An Argument from Silence

Date	Source	Mention of First Vision?
1823	Lucy and three of her children joined the Presbyterian Church <i>[Joseph Smith and the Magic World View by D. Michael Quinn]</i>	X Lucy and some of her children joined the Presbyterian Church after Alvin died. If the family knew about the first vision, why would they join a false church?
Sept. 25, 1824	Joseph Smith Sr. Newspaper	X
March 20, 1826	Court Trial for Treasure Digging	X
June 1828	Joseph Smith's name appears in the Sunday School list for the Methodist sect	X this is contrary to the First Vision account
April 6, 1829	Agreement with Issac Hale	X
June 1829	Articles of the Church of Christ	X
Sept. 22, 1829/ Aug. 27, 1829	"Golden Bible" Palmyra Freeman	X "visited in a dream by the Almighty"
Oct. 22, 1829	Letter to Oliver Cowdery	X
March 1830	1830 Edition of The Book of Mormon	X* no mention of the First Vision; "Mary is the mother of God" and other trinitarian language throughout the entire book
April 6, 1830/May 21, 1830	"Blasphemy the Book of Mormon"	X
April 1830	Articles and Covenants (v. 1)	X Canonized scripture with no mention of the First Vision

June 2, 1830	The Fredonia Censor (From the Wayne co. Republican)	X “He pretended that he had been entrusted by God with a golden bible”
Summer of 1830	Revelation Book 1	X
August 28, 1830	Letter to Colesville Saints (v. 1)	X
Oct. 1830	Peter Bauder Interview with Joseph Smith	X * “he could give me no christian experience” - talks about the angel
Dec. 2, 1830	Letter to Colesville Saints	X “The Lord’s appearing is nigh at hand”
Dec. 8, 1830	Buffalo Journal & General Advertiser [Published again on Dec. 29, 1830 in Brockport Free Press]	X “enabled by supernatural powers to translate”
December 25, 1830	The Gem “Book of Mormon” [Published again on Jan. 5, 1831 in Brockport Free Press]	X
Dec. 28, 1830	The Rochester Republican “Book of Mormon”	X
Dec. 28, 1830	Buffalo Patriot (From the Ontario Messenger)	X
January 6, 1831	Lucy’s Letter to Solomon Mack	X * she says that Joseph, after repenting of his sins, was visited by an angel and was given power to translate the golden plates
May 31, 1831	Lockport Balance	X “Smith pretended to have been directed, in a dream or vision, to a certain spot located ...”
June 29, 1831	Jamestown Journal “Progress of Mormonism”	X they quote Martin Harris as having seen Jesus and the Devil, but not Joseph?
Sept. 6, 1831	Buffalo Patriot “Mormonism”	X

Oct. 15, 1831	Daily Albany Argus	X “visited by an angel”
Dec. 7, 1831	Jamestown Journal “The Mormon Delusion”	X “...and that Smith is able to hold converse with celestial spirits whenever he pleases”
1831	<i>Leman Copley (Mormonism Unveiled, Howe)</i>	X (<i>Story of Moroni and the Monkey</i>)
March 7, 1832	The Fredonia Censor “Mormonism”	X “Having repented of his sins, but not attached himself to any part of Christians, owing to the numerous divisions among them, and being in doubt what his duty was, he had recourse prayer. After retiring to bed one night, he was visited by an Angel and directed to proceed to a hill...”
1832	Book of Commandments (started in 1832 and earlier, published in 1833)	X
1832	Circa, Summer 1832 (July, Aug, Sept)	✓