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The nature of the message in the Book of Mormon is such that, if true, no one can possibly be saved and reject it; if false, no one can possibly be saved and receive it. Therefore every soul in all the world is equally interested in ascertaining its truth or falsity.

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