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The Foundation for Apologetic Information and Research has released a new study aid of scholarly material on the Book of Mormon. FAIR's "Book of Mormon Resources" offers a chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse collection of material written by researchers on numerous subjects relating to Book of Mormon study, including history, theology, textual criticism, literary analysis and more. Furthermore, in addition to collecting and organizing decades worth of scholarly material on the Book of Mormon, FAIR's new study resource offers an online compendium of apologetic material produced by FAIR and other apologetic groups that seeks to answer criticisms of the Book of Mormon.

With the increasing ubiquity of Internet material directed at exploring, or debunking, the Book of Mormon, contributor S. Hale Swift expressed what they see to be the necessity of compiling an accessible cache of online apologetic articles and books.

"FAIR is seeking to make access to the scholarly literature on the Book of Mormon more accessible to the non-specialist by creating an index of articles organized by what chapters and verses of the scripture the articles relate to," he said. "This allows users to avoid to some extent the upfront cost of locating articles related to ones studies and instead focus effort on the learning itself."

Neal Rappleye, a history student at Utah Valley University and one of the project's contributing editors, is enthusiastic about the new undertaking.

"I think every Latter-day Saint should take their scripture study seriously, but a lot of people are not aware of the resources that are available

to help enhance their study,” he said. “What this project does is bring a lot of those resources together and organize them in a logical way which we hope is useful and will make these resources more readily accessible.”

But with so much material on the Book of Mormon both in print and online, the project is only in its infancy. “This is a huge task,” Rappleye explained, “and we aren’t even close to complete, but it is coming along.”

The project is not restricted to only members of FAIR. “This is still a work in progress,” Swift added, “and we invite those who see a favorite article missing to contact us and send us a link to the article as well as the passages to which it best relates so we can add them.”

The Internet allows the possibility of online cooperation in such a large project, which is what Rappleye is hoping will happen as more readers become interested.

“We put up a link to contact FAIR on the main page of the index, and we encourage anyone to help contribute,” he said. “If you have read an article that isn’t in the database, then let us know and tell us where you think it belongs and we will add it. The goal is to make this as helpful as possible, so the more content we can have there, the better.”

The entire database can be accessed on FAIR’s [website](#).

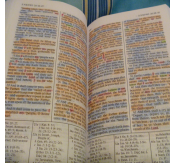
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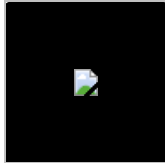
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My Book of Mormon and Bible are packed with articles I find useful to refer to when I am reading or discussing a certain scripture. This idea is so so wonderful and useful. I wonder if it will ever be accessible in print. Thank you guys for doing this. Dennis M.

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