



PEER REVIEWS for

PROVIDENCE

and the

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN

- From Creation to Conversion -

by Daniel L. Smith

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Daniel,

I really love your capstone project [*Providence and the North American Indian*]. It is an excellent new perspective. Your sources really make it new and different from other things I have read on the subject. Was it difficult to compile all those firsthand accounts? What are your plans going forward? You are well on your way to a good dissertation I believe. I like how you bring in Darwin, that is an interesting take. This is such a well written project, I really enjoyed reading it today. You should really be proud of this great accomplishment.

Good Luck in your future endeavors, I hope our paths cross again sometime. Regardless this is an amazing project you should really be proud of. Kudos!

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Daniel,

Thank you for your interesting paper on the religious aspects of Native Americans. I have always had a fascination for the history of the American Indian. Their history is both interesting and thought provoking in that there is not much provided about them. You have provided an area of their history that has given me more reasons to delve into their story. Thank you again.

The evidence that was provided goes a long way into how you found the proof needed to prove your argument for this paper. I would have never known where to look to find all the sources that you have provided. I have not found any areas that I would have questions about, and your paper was easy to read and understand.

I applaud you on your work and can honestly say that this is one of the most interesting papers that I have read.

Good luck with your future. (...)

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Daniel,

We have made it to the end of our long journey. Thank you for the feedback, thought-provoking conversation, and camaraderie that you have given to me throughout this program in several classes we shared.

I read over your finalized capstone [*Providence and the North American Indian*] and I was very impressed at the amount of detail and evidence that you placed in your findings. You have uncovered a very underserved focus of history in the academic community that, I feel, needs addressing. Your incorporations that span even outside the historian's focus, archaeology, and anthropology, lends a notable credit and clout to your argument that, at the very least, should cause others to take a renewed look at the evidence. I believe you could expand on this research even more and uncover more questions and potential answers to further your work into a doctoral dissertation.

Your use of research from Wyatt and Barton, who many times do not receive much credit in the historical community for their views (due to the incorporation of religion), also challenges the reader to take note especially in the realm of perspective for comparison with other more mainstream historians and give cause to further dive into their works. (...)

I believe you have the makings of more than one doctoral dissertation in this document.

The possible connections between Native America and the tribes of Israel, the dissemination of Christianity through the New World (and specifically North America), possibly even elements of proof for additional pre-Columbian contact are just a few that come to memory. Any of these individually could be expounded upon to a great degree. I commend you on your efforts and candid research, it made for an informative and enjoyable read.

Best of luck as you continue forward in your future endeavors. I would welcome the opportunity to cross paths with you again. Take care, brother.