

Report on Presentation of Genesis 1 to SABBSA Creationists

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Going back to 1978, this was the author's first presentation of Hebraic Meter to a gathering of Creationists. A PowerPoint titled, *Computer Analysis Verifies Original Text of Genesis Chapter One* was given to SABBSA, *The San Antonio Bible Based Science Association* on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

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The Creationists' understanding of scientific methodology gave them a decided advantage. They proved to have an immediate grasp of Hebraic Meter which this writer has not encountered—whether in numerous congregations, clergy groups, public events, or academic settings (such as the Society for Biblical Literature in Milan, Italy in 1990). Both Hebrew and/or Greek were displayed with the English translation.

There was no need to explain the laws of probability, statistics, entropy, communication noise, the interdependence of linguistic-computational dynamics, or computer search technology. Neither were they predisposed to view Genesis Chapter 1 in terms of denominational, theological, and linguistic traditions. There were no objections to viewing the text as an ancient artifact, nor the declaration that faith does not create Scripture (which is the current state of American biblical studies).

This view, held by all conservative church bodies, is clearly stated by LCMS President Matt Harrison in the October, 2023 issue of "The Lutheran Witness"—*The matter of the inerrancy of Holy Scripture is a matter of faith, not sight. We confess the original manuscripts written by the apostles and prophets are inerrant. Mistakes have occurred here and there in transmission.*

Because the original manuscripts no longer exist, all copies are considered corrupt even though there is no means of determining whether an errorless copy does indeed exist. While computer analysis demonstrates that we have the original words of Genesis Chapter 1, contemporary religious denominations continue to declare that inerrancy is a matter of faith not sight. Computer analysis proves the existence of the original text, not events or interpretation.

An unexpected event at the San Antonio meeting was the arrival of Mrs. Anne Richmond, widow of an LCMS Pastor (from nearly 300 miles away in Eden, Texas). For nearly two years Richmond had been hand embroidering the Hebrew text of Genesis Chapter 1 on upholstery fabric in 1¼ inch traditional Aramaic square letters without vowel points.

Richmond had heard about the event and came to ask this writer to check the accuracy of her Hebrew. Needless to say, the Creationists and this writer were caught unawares. The text continues to Genesis 2:4 because this is where she believes that Genesis Chapter 1 actually ends.

Richmond employed more than a hundred different colors of thread and beads so that similar words would be displayed in their own color. Each letter is outlined in black needlepoint and filled in with the appropriate color thread. For *Elohim* (God) she selected tiny gold beads. The project is mounted on

three 4' by 8' sheets of one inch Owens Corning FOAMular NGX Project Panel insulation available at Home Depot, Lowes, or Menards. The upholstery fabric fists on the FOAMular like giant pillowcases and held tight with Velcro on the backside. In this way the embroidery can be shipped, reassembled, and displayed for \$30.00 worth of insulation to any location.





25% scale reproduction of Richmond's Genesis Chapter 1