

Re: Medieval Leadplate with runes found in Skänninge

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"David B" <tronospamchos@tesco.net> wrote in message
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> *I.E._Johansson wrote in message ...*

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> > *Wasn't it said that Ave Maria prays which AVM on KRS is believed to*

> > *refer to, wasn't used in Medieval Age Scandinavia..... :-)*

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> *Some may have said that, but the most common objection seems to be that*

> *there is a severe shortage of medieval examples of the use of the*

> *_abbreviation_ AVM. Can anybody supply some quotations in context*

> *(preferably from Scandinavia, but I'll take any)?*

Since Scandinavia was a part of the Catholic world in the Middle Ages, the prayer Ave Maria **must** have been known. It's in the Bible after all. No one sensible could have claimed that it was not known in medieval Scandinavia (and no sensible person would imply that anyone had claimed that). As you say, David, it must be the abbreviation AVM that would be considered unusual, especially in a runic inscription, and especially in one purporting to come from medieval Minnesota.

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