

Re: The Origins of Zürich...

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Heidi Graw wrote:

For example: In the beginning was the Word and the Work was Moo.

Moo was the first word my son spoke.

No, it was not. (a) It's not a word — as you acknowledge below when you say it has no meaning.

(b) Unless you were with your son and awake 24/7, you don't know that that was his first utterance. In fact, it is highly unlikely that it was, unless your son is *_very_* abnormal, because babies babble for several months before producing something as short as a CV syllable; and because it is vastly more likely that the first intentionally-produced vowel is /a/, not /u/. That's why /mama/ and /papa/ tend to be the words for "daddy" and "mommy" in so many languages.

That is the scientific evidence. I witnessed the way he formed his mouth and sounded out the word. I heard it and I recorded it in March of 1988. What he meant by it I have no idea. I cannot attach a meaning to the word "Moo." This I categorize as "scientific etymology." ...it is a word without character and without meaning.