

Conclusions

What is the meaning for us of what we have found? We have discovered the message of the entry code. As part of the journey, our enquiry into the first four words has:

- revealed an eternal sign
- placed within reach the image – His image – in which we are created
- decoded the first name of God in the Bible
- identified the first adjective describing the nature of God
- unpacked the title of the first book in the *Torah*
- provided several hidden names of God
- helped grasp mysterious Biblical texts, such as the eternal name and sign of God introduced to Moses at the burning bush.

These are not isolated findings or peculiar interpretations. By combining all our findings, the entry code is revealed. Together they yield a rich and coherent composition that resolves the insistent themes

and questions that recur at different levels and throughout the different approaches adopted.

But, if this is so useful to our understanding of the Hebrew Bible, why is the message hidden; why the need for investigation?

In times past, some have forbidden the divulgence of mysteries from within the opening passages of Genesis.¹⁴³ But there comes a time to speak, a time to unveil our eyes, for “He has made everything beautiful in its own time”. When the rulers howl and there is continual blasphemy, in that day we are to look for Him and to know His Name (Isaiah 52:5–6). These are the birth pangs of Messiah.

If the key was not given in times past, it has been given to us.

You have heard; look at all this and you, will you not declare it! I proclaim to you new things from this time, even hidden things which you have not known.

Isaiah 48:6

These matters are not secret; the hiding is not permanent. Isaiah 48:16 says “From the first (*reish-aleph-shin*), I have not spoken in secret.” Genesis 1:1 is first and it contains *reish-aleph-shin* within its very first word. Isaiah tells us that this opening message in the Bible is not spoken in secret; it is not of those secret things that belong to God alone (Deuteronomy 29:29). Instead, it is to be declared. There is no alternative.

The uncertainty and concealment are for our sake:

the secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant.

Psalms 25:14

To know His covenant is not straightforward; knowledge is not ‘on demand’. The Lord longs that Israel:

...may see and observe and consider and gain insight as well, that the hand (*yod*) of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created (*barah*) it.

Isaiah 41:20

The progression of verbs – to see, then observe, then consider, and then gain insight – suggests the struggle and effort necessary if we are to grasp the *yod* (the hand) of the Lord. We have to progress from knowledge to understanding to insight into the prophetic.

¹⁴³ See footnote 4.

From the beginning, the Bible allows dualities rather than certainty. From the beginning, the presence of God is veiled. There is a concealed part of God's rule. The *aleph* that is the active 'I' of the Creator in creation is no more than a breath.

The text confronts us. It prompts us either to seek His hand or to rely on our own knowledge and power; either to desire His provision for us or to choose to remain where we are. The full completion awaits our decision and our determined pursuit of Him. Yet, His hand is always extended toward us in creative power, even from the beginning. That is the meaning for us of what we have found

Finding the entry code has taken diligence and adherence to strict rules. We have taken the letters and words of Genesis 1:1 in the order they come, including words folded within words. We have only considered words and meanings of words that occur in the *Tanach*. We have interpreted Genesis 1:1 and related passages from the Hebrew Bible in terms of each other and through Hebraic understanding. Any individual component taken alone may appear insignificant or dubious or merely puzzling. However, each of the components reinforces and substantiates the others.

Together they reveal what lies within Genesis 1:1 and compose a rich and detailed architecture. The entry code passes all the tests outlined at the start of our enquiry: inclusiveness, precision, coherence, robustness, appropriateness, power, relevance, elegance, connection and uniqueness. The last test is a challenge. The entry code uniquely configures the components of the first four words and connects them to a unique set of real events. Can the reader find a viable alternative way to assemble those components that meets all the tests?

The heartbeat of creation

The entry code to the Bible declares that the heartbeat of creation is the Creator's loving kindness expressed through sacrifice to make relationship. All that follows can be read – is to be searched and understood – in this light. Here is where God is to be found.

Einstein is said to have asked if God had a choice in creating the universe. The entry code shows that there was a critical choice: a moral choice not a physical one. The basis of creation is the moral order set by the Creator's decision. This comes first. The creation of the physical heavens and the physical earth embodies that Divine order. Consequently, a moral choice and moral order face us.