

Rough Draft.

One place where ^{it is} often ^{said} ~~thought~~ that there is a conflict between Christianity and science ^{regarding} ~~is~~ in the length of creation as described in Genesis 1. This is a very good place to illustrate the true scientific approach to the Old Testament. In the early days of the Christian church we find ^{there is evidence that various} a number of different views ^{were} held ^{concerning the meaning} as to the interpretation of the word day in this passage.

In the middle ages ~~when the~~ allegorical interpretation of the Bible was carried to ^{great} such an extreme ^{As} that often it seemed as if ~~one could make any part of it mean almost anything.~~

In reaction against this, the Reformers of the ^{sixteenth} 16th century insisted rightly upon ^{my} a stress upon the lateral meaning of the words. Some ^{times their} ear ~~carried this to an extreme~~ ^{quite foreign to the attitude of} which the ^{themselves and many} great reformers would surely ^{to 15th}

followers can

~~never have thought of, Assuming that one could simply take a verse or a few words and without further study or comparison with other passages could be sure what these words alone would necessarily mean. They insisted that in Gen. 1 and 2 it means since it says God created certain things on one day and certain things on another day that you could add them together and say that the Bible teaches that the whole universe was created in 6 days.~~

More recently ^{many} scientists have held that the universe took millions of years in ~~forming~~ assuming its present shape. It is generally held today in fact that the earth itself is about 2 billion years old. Many have pointed to this as evidence of ^a sharp clash and have asked the question, "Are you going to believe in religion or are you going to believe in scientific fact?" Such ^a question is false. We believe in the facts of science and we believe in the facts of the Bible. Where these facts deal with

