

cussed in <sup>this</sup> particular verse.

There are many who say that between verse 1 and verse 2 there is a gap of millions of years. <sup>②</sup> They place the downfall of Satan, <sup>①</sup> they consider that ~~there was~~ a pre-Adamic race, ~~that the downfall~~ <sup>③</sup> and a chaotic upheaval on this earth, occurred between verses 1 and 2. The Bible does ~~no~~ say <sup>all</sup> that ~~it did occur~~ <sup>②</sup> nor that it did not. It is not complete in this regard, <sup>①</sup> at that time, <sup>③</sup> as in many others.

The ~~(2 1/2)~~ <sup>existence</sup> of such a gap seems like a tremendous <sup>assumption</sup> thing to make without more evidence than <sup>can be found</sup> is forthcoming for it. <sup>②</sup> On the other hand, there is absolutely no ground on which one can dogmatically deny that there may have been such a gap. It is one of the matters on which God's revelation is not complete.

~~1321~~ A third place where the question of completeness occurs is in relation to the word <sup>the word</sup> "day" <sup>11</sup> that occurs so many times. The word day in this chapter? The chain of events in connection with the ~~formation of this earth~~, formation and population <sup>may</sup> of this earth, are divided among six days. Exactly what does this word day mean?

~~It is a common idea that~~ <sup>It is</sup> a rather widespread idea that the commonest use of the word day is to indicate a period of 24 hours. Yet a little thought will show that this is by no means its commonest use. <sup>In</sup>

<sup>occurrence</sup> Right here in Genesis 1, ~~in a section of the verse~~, we find the first use of the word <sup>is in verse 5 where it says</sup> "that God called the light <sup>Day</sup> and the darkness he called <sup>night</sup>". Here very evidently it <sup>does indicate</sup> was not a 24 hour period. How long is the light period of the alternation between ~~the light~~ <sup>light</sup> and darkness? There is probably no place on earth where it is 24 hours. At the North Pole it would be approximately six months. In northern Scandinavia in mid-winter it might not be more than an hour or two. The word day, as most commonly used, ~~indicates~~ <sup>indicates</sup> a period of greatly varying length. <sup>It</sup> In our present passage there is <sup>still</sup> another use of the word, ~~which is much clearer~~