

~~not~~ ~~than~~ ~~this~~ That is the one found in Genesis 2:4, where it speaks of ~~the~~, of all the events of Genesis 1, summarizing ~~them~~ in the ~~terms~~ <sup>are</sup> <sup>ed</sup> <sup>which</sup> "that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens;" the day when they were created. Here the one day includes the whole

~~the~~ six previous ones. ~~Day here,~~ <sup>not</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>frequently</sup> <sup>is</sup> in the Bible, as also in common speech, <sup>"day"</sup> indicates a long period of time. We <sup>might</sup> say that <sup>in</sup> Abraham

Lincoln <sup>do</sup> did something in his day, <sup>antennobiles were not in use, we would not</sup> <sup>(twenty-four hour day)</sup> we don't mean one particular day, <sup>we</sup> <sup>mean</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>entire</sup> <sup>period</sup> in which he lived. The <sup>Bible</sup> ~~New Testament~~ speaks of "the

day of the Lord," which is <sup>clearly</sup> purely a period ~~of~~ many years in duration. <sup>It is</sup> <sup>clearly</sup> <sup>the</sup> word <sup>that</sup> <sup>really</sup> <sup>simply</sup> <sup>indicates</sup> a period of time. It is very commonly used for ~~the~~ a

24-hour period, but this by no means exhausts its uses. Which use is involved in <sup>the</sup> <sup>six</sup> <sup>days</sup> of Genesis 1 is nowhere clearly stated. This does not mean that we are free <sup>(to)</sup> <sup>simply</sup> <sup>assume</sup> anything we want. It means that we

should recognize that this is a matter on which God's revelation is not ~~com~~ complete. We can't <sup>gather</sup> <sup>hand</sup> <sup>in</sup> evidences, <sup>and</sup> to suggest possibilities, but unless we find absolute proof we must leave it as an open question. <sup>It is</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>first</sup> <sup>sight</sup>

the words ~~(6 3/4)~~ in verse 5 "and ~~there was evening and there was morning~~ the first day," <sup>seems</sup> to indicate that a 24-hour day was involved. <sup>However,</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>little</sup> <sup>investigation</sup> <sup>will</sup> <sup>demonstrate</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>terms</sup>

<sup>statements</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>terms</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>very</sup> <sup>evidently</sup> <sup>must</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>used</sup> <sup>so</sup> <sup>figuratively</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>this</sup> <sup>passage</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>beginning</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>ending</sup>. Evening is the end of ~~the~~ a

period of light. <sup>Clearly</sup> <sup>Surely</sup> the first day could not begin with the end of a <sup>the</sup> period of light. <sup>Moreover,</sup> Genesis 1 is written from God's viewpoint, <sup>rather</sup> <sup>than</sup>

<sup>from</sup> that of any man on the earth. <sup>From</sup> <sup>God's</sup> <sup>viewpoint</sup> it would always be evening and always be morning. <sup>In</sup> <sup>Genesis</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>terms</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>purely</sup> <sup>expressions</sup> <sup>of</sup>, <sup>figurative</sup> <sup>expressions</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>this</sup> <sup>instance</sup>, <sup>and</sup> <sup>therefore</sup> <sup>give</sup> <sup>no</sup> <sup>indication</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>length</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>period</sup> <sup>involved</sup>.

In the third, fifth, and sixth days we find an evidence which suggests that more than 24-hour period is involved. <sup>The</sup> <sup>third</sup> <sup>day,</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>does</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>say</sup> "Let the earth be covered with vegetation and great trees standing <sup>at</sup> <sup>full</sup> <sup>height</sup>." <sup>He</sup> <sup>says</sup> <sup>it</sup> <sup>says</sup> "Let the earth bring forth grass and vegetation, trees, and so on. <sup>But</sup> <sup>this</sup> <sup>day</sup> <sup>does</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>say</sup>

<sup>the</sup> <sup>herb</sup> <sup>yielding</sup> <sup>seed</sup>, <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>fruit</sup> <sup>tree</sup> <sup>yielding</sup> <sup>fruit</sup> <sup>after</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>kind</sup>." <sup>It</sup> <sup>continues</sup>, <sup>"And</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>earth</sup> <sup>brought</sup> <sup>forth</sup> <sup>grass</sup>, <sup>and</sup> <sup>herb</sup> <sup>yielding</sup>