

I understood a translation in the 14th verse there involves not a creative act but simply a - well, Scofield's notes here perhaps explain it as a declarative function. It could well be, according to geological theory, that the earth was enveloped with a cloud of water-vapor, such as we have light on a cloudy day and yet we don't see the sun. Now it might be that the sun was there but because of the heavy cloud of water-vapor that enveloped the earth, it was not visible on the surface of the earth until that water-vapor had condensed perhaps to form the oceans.

Dr. McIntire, do you have a question? (Yes, - question from Dr. McIntire)

Well, we're going to do that, Dr. McIntire. After we have some of our -

(Further question from Dr. McIntire)

One thing I'm sure about is that evening and morning are figurative because suppose the world was all in darkness. And then there came the first day. How would that day start with evening - it couldn't. It had to start with morning - it couldn't start with evening. And yet it says "the evening and the morning were the first day". See the Jewish day starts at sunset - you have evening and then you have morning. So that has to be figurative - it couldn't be literally evening and morning, the first day because you can't have evening until the end of a day. You can't start a day with evening unless there was a day before it for it to come after. But the second reason why they must be figurative is because evening and morning are used from the viewpoint of a man. To us here, it's evening. To somebody over in China it's morning at the same minute it's evening to us. But in the first five days there's no man ~~XXXXXX~~ at all - it's from God's viewpoint. And does God look at this side of the earth and say it's evening ~~XXX~~ or this side and say it's morning? It's evening and morning all at the same time. So when it says ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "evening and morning" it was a beginning, it was an end - comparing it with the Jewish day. It's not a literal statement of events took place. Now that doesn't prove it wasn't a 24 hour day. It could have been, but we just don't know that it was. We don't know what it was but when it says that He caused that "the earth bring forth" - it doesn't say "let it be covered", it says "let it bring forth" and the earth brought forth this and this and this and this. Well, to me that is something that I think