

Therefore we have to compare Scripture with Scripture to see exactly what these words mean and how easy it is to read into the Word something that is not there. That is one of the great dangers we must avoid -- reading into the Scripture what is not there. I so often find people who insist if you really believe the Bible you must insist that God created the world in six 24 hour days. What makes you think they were 24 hour days? Well, I take the Bible literally so they must be literal days. But you can't take the Bible literally in the sense you take every work in it literally. There are many figurative expressions in the Bible but I take the day literally in the Bible. I believe we should. What is a literal day? I step up to you an hour from now and I'll say, Isn't this a nice day! You'll think I'm crazy. Not one of you will say this evening, Isn't this a nice day! Not one of you. You'll say, Isn't this a nice evening or night. You won't say this is a nice day.

If you were to take the number of times that you say the word "day" in the next month and list them all, and then list opposite them how many of them how many times you were speaking of 24 hr. days, unless you are in the business of figuring interest or making airplane timetables, I don't believe you'd find one case in 50 where you meant a 24 hr. day when you said "day." A day is a period of light, of activity, of time. Back in Lincoln's day they didn't have airplanes. Which day? You mean the day Lincoln was born? died? No I mean the whole times of Lincoln's life!

Jesus said, Abraham saw my day and was glad. Which day did He mean? The day he was talking? the day he was born,? the day he died? the day he was raised from the dead? Which day did He mean? He meant the whole period of his life. The word day means a period of activity/ It is only since we began to figure interest and make railroad timetables that we got this idea that the day ends at midnight and the new day starts at midnight. It is an artificial thing we don't ordinarily use. But we read the statement that God created the world in 6 days, and we read into it something that is not there. Maybe they were 6 seconds long. Maybe 6 minutes long. Maybe 100 years. Maybe a trillion years long. We're nottold. Somebody said to me, Yes, but that is utterly disproven when you get to the 7th day. That must have been a 24 hr. day. I said, What ~~xxx~~ do you mean? Do you mean that after God created the world He felt so tired He had to lie down for 24 hrs.? in order to rest. Certainly none of us believe that. It says on the 7th day God rested. That doesn't mean God sought a means of bringing back His strength like you and I have to. I means God ceased from His creative activity. He rested from His creative activity. He carried on His labor of providence. He carried on holding all things together and making the world go by the world of His power. Otherwise everything would have fallen to pieces. But He rested from His creative activity as an example to us that we should take one period in 7 for rest. And he 7th day we surely are still in because I see no evidence that God has recommenced creative activity as yet. How long are these days? I don't know. But when someone insists these days have got to be 24 hrs, and that's what necessary to take it ~~xxx~~ literally they are reading something into the Bible and I've never there has been any difficulty more unbelief come in relation to the Bible from people reading things into the Bible that arn't there and then giving it out as if that was what the Bible taught and then it proving false, and then people thinking