

of "day" in this particular chapter, there is some evidence in the chapter which ~~looks definitely in the direction of the day being~~ *rather strongly suggests that* ~~the stay of creature~~ *may have* ~~been~~ much longer than twenty-four hours. This evidence is found particularly in connection with the activities of the third, fifth and sixth days.

The words in verses 2 and 6, "Let there be light", and "let there be a firmament", suggest instantaneous action. God spoke, and the desired result was immediately complete. A similar impression is made by the words of v. 27, "God created man". Very different is the impression produced by verses 11-12, 20, and 24. God did not say, "Let the earth be covered with grass and trees", but "let the earth bring forth grass", "let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life", and "let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind". ~~While God certainly would be able to speed up the process described so that it would~~

**9** all occur within a twenty-four hour period, if He chose to do so. *[to Don]*  
~~careful reading of the account gives quite a different impression.~~

**10** Much apologetic ingenuity has been wasted in trying to determine whether God created trees with rings of growth already in them. A little careful scientific exegesis would have saved all this. The Bible does not say that God ordered that trees should come into existence <sup>already</sup> standing upon the earth. *The words of Script Genesis are explicit on this point. God* ~~what it says is, that God~~ commanded that the earth should "bring forth... <sup>the</sup> fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth: and it was so." *The Bible nowhere says [to Don 110]*

**11** Many a consecrated young man sets out to study philosophy or science, in order to defend the Word of God, without realizing the primary need of first learning solid scientific methods of interpreting that Word. Theoretical arguments are bandied back and forth,