

period of Lincoln's activity. The word "day" is ~~never~~ rarely used in common speech for a twenty-four-hour period. To say that it must mean such a thing when used in Genesis 1 is reading something into the Bible that has no warrant here in common usage or in Biblical usage.

Thus in Genesis 1: ? the word clearly means something very different from a twenty-four-hour day. The same is true in Genesis 2:4 where it speaks of heaven and earth in the day when they were created where the word "day" is clearly involving ~~involvement~~ the whole process that is described as a six-day process in chapter 1. This day must be at least six times as long as some of the days in Genesis 1. The word "day" then does not in itself give any idea as to how long the period is.

m -2 → The only way to tell how long the day is in any particular usage is to see whether the context does or not give us evidence. I believe that we find such evidence in Genesis 1. Thus in verse it says that God ~~could~~ cud(?) bring forth herbs and trees, and ~~that~~ that the earth brought forth herbs and trees, and it was evening and it was morning such-and-such a day.

Now when you imagine a situation in which the earth becomes covered with great trees rising dozens of feet in height it is certainly abnormal to think ~~of~~ that all of this happened in a twenty-four-hour period. The suggestion here is very clear of something that involved a long stretch of time. God ~~could~~ could of course have caused that things would move like a moving picture that has been tremendously speeded up so that ^{what} would normally take hundreds of years could occur ^{within} in the course of a few minutes. Yet there is no Scriptural evidence to ~~show~~ show that this is what He did. The verse sounds very clearly as if God performed a process which resulted within this third day in the earth being covered with great trees.

The same is true of verses and . They do not say, "Let the earth be covered with trees or with animals, and so on." ~~It says~~ It says, "Let the earth bring forth trees, let the waters bring forth sea monsters, let the earth bring forth reptiles. The terminology/~~text~~ ^{used} certainly suggests a long period