

its axis. Whatever else we may or may not know about the meaning of Genesis 1, we do know that this was not the best--this definition was certainly not what Moses or anyone of that time had in mind. The only way they could have ever dreamed of such a definition of a sun would be a specific revelation of God to them about the fact and we have no evidence that he made such a revelation. If He had it would have been strange indeed that so many centuries elapsed before anyone ever thought of the idea as far as evidence goes that the earth revolves on its axis. The fact of the matter is of course that it states in the fourth day that God caused the sun, moon and stars to appear and made them measures of time for days and for years. This certainly excludes the idea that the sun, the relation of the earth to the sun was a measure of time of the days in the previous three days. This fourth argument is a negative one and it is one which does not seem to grasp the meaning of the statements about the 4th day at all.

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The 5th argument is an interesting one. He says, "ARGUMENT NUMBER 5 is even more forceful and unanswerable than this. In the accounts of the various acts of creation in this week, the wording of the text in each case is such as to demand instantaneity. It may be argued for the English translation, that a time-period is possible in the meaning of the word day, but the Hebrew text is emphatically reversed, the reverse, as an instance on the first day the text says..."

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Here an illustration is given from the first day, but the statement is made that "in each of the various acts of creation in this week, the wording of the text in each case is such as to demand instantaneity." Set us begin with the very last creative action. In Genesis 1:27 we read: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

At first sight this seems to fit in quite definitely with the statement that in connection with, that in every case that wording of the text is such as to demand instantaneity. However, God's word does not contradict itself. When we seem to find a contradiction we must explain the two passages in the light of each other. We turn

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