

The other matters dealt with are matters of argument and which various opinions could be hold, Dr . Rimmer states his very dogmatically bu t the opposing view could be stated equally dogmatically on every one of them. Thus he makes the statement that wherever the word day is preceded by a number it indicates a solar day. I know of no Scriptural statement to this extent. Naturally if you speak of the 13th dy of the month you have a number used before and probably it refers to a solar day. This does not prove that one might not just as well use the word day dealing with another kind of day altogether. If you say that baseball games are held on sunshiny days in the days before bright illumination was used for nighttime playing, you might then say that the first day on which they played was the 25th of March , the second day was the 14th of April, the 3rd day was the 5th of May. In these cases you would refer/ to a solar day but what you would have in mind would actually be the light portion rather than any 24-hour day at all, except of course for matters of designation.

Much argument is made as to whether ^G God could have done each of these acts in a 24-hour day. I would think perhaps a fourth of the whole ~~speech~~ speech is on this. However that really should not interest us. Why should God require a 24-hour day? Why not do it in 24 seconds instead of 24 hours. Why ~~en~~ not do it in one second? God could have done the whole work of the six days in one second if He chose. But the account as it reads does not sound like that at all, but like the description of a series of processes which God may have chosen to spread out over a very long period of time.

A → ^{consider to be} Personally, I have no objection to anyone ^{for anyone} thinking ^{that} these were 24-hour days, But I think ~~that~~ it is very foolish to be dogmatic about it and to insist that they were. ~~We just don't know. As the ^{words stand} statements occur in the Scripture, regardless of what anybody thinks from any view point of geology or of any other science, they sound to me much more like long periods than like 24-hour days. I feel that on this matter we should live and let live, ^{ing} leave each one free to think what he wants, ^{since God has not chosen to tell us} whether they were 5-minute days, or 24-hour days, or 2-billion-year days, or indeterminate periods of time, ^[to 79] God simply has not~~