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Dr. Rimmer makes a great deal of his claim that yom always means the time that it takes the earth to make one revolution on its axis. Yet there is not a single place in the Bible where the word is defined in this way, nor do we have any reason to think that this idea ever occurred to any of the people who used it in ancient times. To them a day was simply the light period between two periods of darkness, or a series of such periods. The word was also frequently used to indicate a period of definite length. This is what the word means in the Bible and it is not proper interpretation to fasten on it a meaning different from what the Bible shows it to have had.

On page            Dr. Rimmer says that all the acts of God in Genesis 1 were instantaneous and quotes the statement about the creation of light on the first day. Yet the statements in the other days are most of them very different from this. It is doubtful that ~~at this~~ it could be shown that more than a third of the statements in Genesis 1 clearly represent an instantaneous act on God's part. One place where this might be ~~though~~ taught on superficial examination would be the statement in verse 26: "God created man: male and female created he them." Yet in Genesis 2 it is clearly explained that a number of events were included in this simple statement and that God performed a number of distinct acts between the creation of man and the formation of woman. Dr. Rimmer's general statement simply does not fit the facts. It is based only upon the first day and is quite different from the way that things are actually expressed.

If the Bible clearly stated that the earth is the center of the universe and everything else revolves around it, and God figures time according to the turning of ~~of~~ the earth on its axis, we would have no doubt that this is the case. I do not find ~~any~~ such statement in the Bible, and feel to accept such a view is ~~returning~~ reading into the Bible what is not ~~there.~~