

there. It puts us in sharp opposition to the view of all astronomers that the earth is merely one of the planets that goes round the sun, the sun merely one of the millions of suns in our galaxy and our galaxy only one of millions of galaxies. ~~As the~~ If the Bible contradicts all the astronomers in the world, I would not hesitate to stand by the Bible, but where there is no such statement ~~in~~ at all in the Bible, and the evidence adduced by the astronomers is very complete and very definite, ~~it~~ it seems to me that we are hurting rather than helping the cause of Christ by reading ~~into~~ into the Bible something that is not there.

I find the debate by Dr. Rimmer full of dogmatic statements and slurs upon the intelligence of his opponents, but I find very little of solid evidence and nothing to prove that the view that he gives is actually taught in the Scriptures.

It seems to me that we have enough to do to stand upon what the Bible clearly teaches, without inserting into it something that is not there. As I showed in my paper in my previous letter, the word yom in the Bible clearly indicates a period of light between two periods of darkness, and is also used for counting the number of such alternations, and also for an indefinite period of time. We are nowhere told how long the days of creation were, and I feel that we are taking an unnecessary burden upon ourselves in insisting upon a particular length for them.

As I pointed out in that letter the terminology used on the 3rd, ~~4th~~ 5th and 6th days fits far better with a long period than with a brief day.

On the first page of his debate, Dr. Rimmer asserts that this is a matter on which good Christians can differ without ~~the~~ thinking any the less of one another. He says of Dr. Riley, "in all our acquaintance we have never found ourselves in opposition on any essential point of Scriptural revelation and even now after ² seeking for a long time for a question on which we can honestly disagree, neither of us is dogmatic or unmovable on this issue we here discuss in the most friendly manner possible."