

of a particular usage is that it indicates a period of time and to know how long the period is intended to be, we must examine the context and see what the writer had in mind. If he speaks of the 23rd day of a certain month, we know that he refers to the sort of calendar system which was then used. One quite different from the system we use today, and yet agreeing withours in this , that it numbers the days consecutively within each month.

There is a great deal of discussion of whether God could have created the world in six days, periods of 24 hours. Dr. Rimmer's debate contains a great deal of ~~material~~ material about this. Actually, this has nothing whatever to do with the question. God could just as well have created the world in six seconds as in ~~se~~ six periods of 24 hours. The matter of what God could do is not at all involved. It is the question of what God did do , and the only way we can tell anything about this is to see what is said in the Bible, trying to see exactly what is stated and to avoid becoming wise above what is written. The fact of the matter is that there is absolutely no evidence to show how long the ~~created~~ <sup>creative</sup> days were . And there is no reason whatever to think that Moses had in mind when he spoke of them the period of time that it would take this particular planet to revolve once upon its axis. It may be that each of them was a 24-hour period. They may have been 10-hour periods, they may have been 5-hour periods, or they may have been billions of years in length. The Bible does not state and when we try to say, we are simply being wise above what is written.

I like the statement that Dr. Rimmer makes on the first page of his discussion, when he says of Dr. Riley, "for my honored and beloved opponent, I have naught but the highest affection, nay, even reverence. In all our acquaintance we have never found ourselves in opposition on any essential point of Scripture//revelation, and even now, after hunting for a long time for a question on which we can honestly disagree, neither of us is dogmatic or immoveable on this issue we here discuss in the most friendly manner possible. Even though the audience votes me the winner in this debate, I am still unable