

to assert that my respected opponent may not be right. "

There is an excellent ~~statem~~ent near the middle of page 2 of Dr. Rimmer's remarks. It reads: "Supposition and human opinion, even when that opinion is the most scholarly, is NOT evidence of proof." Dr. Rimmer's 14 pages contain a great many very strong statements that the word day must be a solar day, and that the whole context of Scripture demands this interpretation. It is interesting however to turn aside from the all points of--from all the rhetorical statements, some of which are very witty and very forceful, some of which are very forceful, and to look specifically at the evidence that he presents. He says that he felt , on this same page, "I will advance Twelves lines of evidence to show that the days of Genesis are NOT geological periods." Let us look at these 12 arguments, and see just what evidence is given under each of them.

Near the middle of page 3 Dr. Rimmer gives the first argument which he entitles : "The meaning of the word 'yom'." He then says Dr. Riley is right ~~about the word,~~ when he said that this word, in the Hebrew language, has many varieties of meaning. He is also right when he says its meaning is sometimes an indefinite period of time: but he then proceeds to argue from this true premise to a false conclusion, that is, because the word sometimes means an indefinite period, it cannot mean a solar day in Genesis the first chapter."

I do not have Dr. Riley's statements and so do not know whether this is a proper interpretation of his words. I would certainly fully agree that the fact that it sometimes means a n indefinite period of time does not mean that it can not mean a ~~we~~ solar day in Genesis the first chapter. However, this is not proof that in the first chapter it does mean a solar day. The word yom has ^{three} ~~two~~ distinct meanings. We have no right to insist that any one of the three is the one that is used in a certain context, unless we have clear evidence ~~that~~ in favor of ~~v~~ such an interpretation in that particular context.

In continuing the argument on page 4, ~~Dr.~~ Rimmer said, "BUT IN EVERY INSTANCE ~~WHERE~~ WHERE...