

Similarly, in verse 11 and 12 we read, "and God said let the earth bring forth grass...." "and it brought forth grass...." He speaks of all the different types of vegetation, not that God said let the earth be covered with vegetation but let the earth bring forth. Certainly the suggestion here of the word...

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...statement to require that it all occurred in that way. It would be just as likely that a certain period of time was involved in the removing of the very thick barrier that would keep the sun, moon and stars from being visible.

In the fifth day, again we find--fifth and sixth days-- we find statements about the animals exactly \neq like the statements about the plants in the third day. It does not say that God caused that instantaneously and suddenly the world would be covered with various kinds of animals. He said let the waters bring forth abundantly. He said let the earth bring forth. The words as they stand do not demand spontaneity, in fact, they suggest the very opposite.

Thus we have looked at all the statements in the various days of the , about the acts \neq that were done, except the one that Dr. Rimmer quotes in connection with the first day. He says ~~he~~ in his debate, that as an example of the fact that in each case the words of the text demand ~~instantly~~ instantaneity, that on the first day God said let there be light and there was light, He says, "there is no absolute literal translation from the Hebrew to the English of the this phrase, but the nearest that we can come to it is perhaps ' and ~~said~~ God said light, exist; and light existed!'" The entire phrase is one of instant absolute obedience to ~~the second~~ ^{a pressing} command, and implies an act consummated in the instant of its inception. Here, on this day, more than any other perhaps, the era of theory of my esteemed opponent appears extremely ridiculous. Why in the name of common sense should it take the omnipotent creator 500,000 years to receive a response to His command, 'let light be!?' Especially when the text may be transliterated 'then God said "let light be!" and light was!' Did it take God a half million years to speak this sentence, or was the