

The question is not what could God do, but what did He do. The Bible actually does not tell ~~us~~ us how long he took in performing the acts described in chapter 1. If someone prefers to believe that it was 6 24-hour days I see no objection to his believing this. But I do think that he has no right, that it is his duty to give equal right to anyone else to interpret the Scripture, the statements of Genesis 1, in what seems to me the far more natural sense.

Page 10 gives the 7th argument. This states "OUR SEVENTH CONTENTION is a refutation of the great stronghold of the "era- ". This is a profusion of (10 3/4) records". Personally, I think that this argument is completely aside from the matter under consideration. The question is not what does science prove, but what does Genesis 1 say. Apart altogether of any evidence from science, I find no Biblical evidence whatever to say that the days of Genesis 1 necessarily 24 hours long. Perhaps there were billions of years in length, we simply do not know. The language used in connection with the third, fifth and sixth days sounds to me far more as if God performed processes, caused processes to occur that took millions of years than as if he caused, did something within a 24-hour period. In any event, these three days do not describe instantaneous acts, but processes, even if they may have been so speeded up as to occur within a few hours.

And there is no Biblical statement anywhere that such a speeding up occurred.

Under his discussion, Dr. Rimmer has a very interesting suggestion, he says that each of these days is only the time when that particular thing began. Thus when vegetation was created there might have been only two blades of grass and two of trees of each kind, that came into existence, nothing more, and then all the rest came in succeeding time. The days would be simply the beginning of processes, rather than the complete occurrence. Of course we do not say God covered the entire earth with (12 3/4) in their present profusion." Yet this is not what the Scripture says. The Scripture does not say that God said on the 3rd day, let the earth be covered with trees and that a tree began and later others came. But he says on the 3rd day is that the earth brought forth trees.