

If there is one thing we can be sure of in this discussion, it is that hemera does not "always mean solar day."

The 11th argument which begins on the bottom of page 12 deals with Moses' statement that God rested on the 7th day and tries to show that a 24-hour day was sufficient for God to rest, there was no need of His resting a geological age. However, this is surely quite beside the point. No one thinks of God as like a man having to rest. Elsewhere in the debate, Rimmer spoke of God's having ceased from His creative labor on the 7th day. God does not set up an example for our rest in that he after six days of work finds it necessary to rest one day. God gives us an analogy to show what the program is that He wants us to follow, of alternations of six days of work then one day of rest. He ceased from His creative labor on the 7th day. It nowhere says that all of God's ceasing from creative labor was over before Adam was created. Whether this refers simply to a brief period that came after the creation of man or whether it refers to a long period including the present in which God had ceased from creative labor is perhaps not necessary to attempt to determine. The important thing is that God ~~is~~ gave us an example to show how, the way that He had made our constitution and that He wished us to alternate in our work and rest. Actually God ~~simply~~ ceased from creative labor, He did not rest as we do. An attempt to insist on a precise analogy is not an argument at all as to how God created the world.

On the lower part of page 13 Rimmer says:

THE TWELFTH AND FINAL ARGUMENT is taken from the quiver of our now-enlightened opponent and turned against him for his final defeat.

This 12th argument is not stated in any one sentence any where, but the best I can figure out for its meaning is that he says that it would have been impossible for if the 3rd day was a long period for the plants to have grown without the light of the sun.

I am very wary of any arguments based on what it would have been possible or impossible for God to do. The question is not what could God do but what did God do?