

Dr "Duke":

It was a real pleasure to get your letter last week and to know that you had received the long essay that I sent you explaining why it seems to me that the more natural interpretation of the Scripture is to consider the days of Genesis 1 as long periods of time rather than as 24-hour days. /

I hope that you had a grand time on your trip to California.

Thank you for sending me the copy of the negative side of the debate between Dr. Rimmer and Dr. Riley. I wish I could have been present, It must have been a very interesting occasion. As I read it carefully a few things stood out in my mind. Perhaps you will be interested in my reactions.

The first thing ~~that~~ I noticed was the attitude that Dr. Rimmer took ^{as he began} on the first ^{to speak,} ~~page.~~ He evidently had been much pleased with the witty remarks of Dr. Riley, and set out to answer in kind. He asserted that it ^{is pleasant to hear} ~~was easy to have~~ witty remarks when one ^{is} ~~was~~ not dealing with an ^{enemy} ~~enemy~~ of the faith, but simply comparing ^{are} ~~two~~ views that ~~were~~ ^{are} equally acceptable to true Christians. In fact he ~~went~~ so far as to say that even if the audience ^{should} ~~were to~~ vote that they felt that he was the winner in this debate with Dr. Riley, he still ~~would~~ consider it entirely possible ~~that~~ in the end it might prove that Dr. Riley had been right and he wrong on the matter. In other words he did not consider this ^{to be such} ~~as~~ a difference of opinion ^{as should in any way separate} ~~that was vital as between true believers, but simply an interesting matter for~~

I feel that many of Rimmer's later remarks have to be taken in the light of these statements that he made at the beginning of his talk, ^{when he declares, from time to time that} ~~as he refers constantly how sure he is~~ ^{that he keeps making} ~~that his opponent will be converted by what he has said, And as he makes extremely~~

(2) dogmatic statements about the absolute certainty of the correctness of his views, I can just imagine him turning with a smile to Dr. Riley and putting, ^{such} a tone ^{at} in his voice that would say ^{Here} ~~there~~ is an extreme statement for you to knock at. It is fun to examine these things ^{Each time that he declares that surely (3) said — each time that he makes} ~~extremely~~