

Genesis is referred to in the N.T. by the ~~GR~~ Greek word **Hemera**, which he says always means a solar day. This statement --this was an offhand statement of Dr. Rimmer's. Evidently simply an argument given without investigation. I make this I draw this conclusion because only on a brief examination of a concordance I found the word hemera, I came across a dozen instances where the word hemera was used for something other than a solar day. When the statement is made, this is the day of salvation, it certainly does not mean a solar day. When it says that Jesus said Abraham saw my day and was glad, he certainly did not mean a 24-hour day. When Paul tells the people that they are hastening unto the day of Jesus Christ, he hardly means a 24-hour day, when the N.T. speaks of the day of the Lord it certainly does not mean a 24-hour day. In all these and many other cases the word used is hemera.

The most important bit of evidence that Dr. Rimmer gives is the statement that in connection with the days of Genesis every single command is stated in such a way as to require that it be taken as an instantaneous act. As proof of this he gives the command on the first day let there be light, which he says can also be rendered let light exist. Leaving aside for the moment the question whether this command, particular command, is necessary instantaneous, as I believe most people would consider it to be, I look at the other commands given in the creative days. Immediately it occurs to me that when it says that God said let us create man in our image after our likeness and male and female created he them, this sounds like an instantaneous act. However, when I turn to chapter 2 I find the creation of man male and female described in such a way as to show that it was far from instantaneous. God took of the ~~best~~ dust of the earth and breathed in to it and it became a living soul. Is this described as an instantaneous act? Or as a process which took at least a certain amount of time. Then there is a good deal that is mentioned between this statement and the statement in, at the end of chapter 2 of how woman was created. Yet the woman is included in the statement in Genesis male and female created he them. What sounds like an instantaneous act, at first sight there is clearly the kind of a process