

which must have consumed--must have spread over a considerable bit of time. If all the animals were brought to Adam between the creation of Adam and the creation of Eve it is hard to think that it could possible have occurred in one 24-hour day. At any rate it was not instantaneous.

Furthermore, while I myself might incline that the statement that God said let there be light denotes an instantaneous act, on Dr. Rimmer's own interpretation it would probably not be instantaneous. There he describes the coming of the light on the first day in the following words:

Thus we see that a statement that all these acts were instantaneous simply is not evidence.

I found only one other statement in the debate which would seem to be a matter of evidence rather than a matter of argumentation. This is the statement made in that all the fathers of Israel held that this was a 24-hour day. This ~~is a statement~~ should not really be considered evidence because evidence as to what the Bible should be found in the Bible rather than in the views of interpreters of any sort. However, the statement is not a true one. We have no evidence whatever as to views on such a matter as this, on almost any matter held by any fathers of Israel before the time of the church fathers.

(d.2.1/4) From the time of the church fathers on, of whom Dr. Rimmer says that they very varied greatly on their interpretations on this point. We find various fathers of Israel holding views on many subjects of many different types of great contrast, probably having on this particular subject every bit as much difference among them as the church fathers had. So the statement as contained under argument 8 is not a presentation of fact at all. However, it is not a matter anyway of Biblical evidence and so should not really concern us.