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what God spoke, and of how, too, He brought his message to sinful man who didn't want to receive it. And therefore we have to compare Scripture with Scripture to see exactly what these words mean. And how easy it is for us to read into the words something that is not there. I think that is one of the great dangers that we must watch to avoid: reading into the Scripture what is not there. I so often find people who insist, "If you really believe the Bible you must believe that God created the world in six ~~24-hour~~ days."

~~Well~~, what makes you think they were 24-hour days?" "Well, I take the Bible literally; they must be literal days." Well, you can't take the Bible literally in the sense that you take every word in it literally. There are many figurative expressions in the Bible, but I take the word "day" literally in the Bible; I believe we should. But what is the literal day? I step up ^{one of} to/you an hour from now, and ~~XXXXX~~ I'll say, ~~XXXXX~~ "Isn't this a nice day?" You'll think I'm crazy. ~~Not~~ one of you will say this evening: "Isn't this a nice day?" Not one of you. You'll say, "Isn't this a nice evening?" or, "Isn't this a nice night?" You won't ~~say~~, "This is a nice day." If you were to ~~ik~~ take the number of times that you say the word "day" in the next month, and list them off; and then you/~~would~~ ^{were tomorrow} put opposite to it how many times you were speaking of ~~24-hour~~ 24-hour days, unless you are in the business ~~of figuring~~ of figuring interest, or of making railroad or airplane timetables, I don't believe you would find one case in 50 that you meant a 24-hour day when you said "day." A day is a period of light; it's a period of activity; it's a period of time. Back in Lincoln's day they didn't have airplanes. Which day// do you mean? Do you mean the day Lincoln was born? Do you mean the day he died? No, I mean Lincoln's day, the whole time of Lincoln's life. Jesus said, "Abraham saw my day and was glad." Which day did He mean? the day He was talking? the day He was born? the day He died? the day He was raised from the grave? Which day did He mean? He meant the whole period of His life. The word "day" means a period of activity, and it is only since we began to figure interest,