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and to make railroad timetables, that we got this idea that the day ends at midnight, and that the new day starts at midnight. It is an artificial thing which we don't ordinarily use. But now we read the statements about "God created the world in six days." And we read into it something which is not there. ~~Maybe~~ Maybe they were six seconds long; maybe they were six minutes long; maybe they were a hundred years long; maybe they were a billion years long. We're not told. Somebody said to me, "Yes, but" they said, "That is ~~Yes, but that is~~ utterly disproven when you get to the seventh day." That must have been a 24-hour day." I said, "What do you mean? Do you mean that after God created the world He felt so tired He had to lie down for 24 hours in order to rest from it?" Certainly none of us believe that. It says that on the seventh day God rested, and that doesn't mean that God sought a means of bringing back His strength, like you and I have to do. It means God ceased from His creative ~~activity~~ activity. He rested from creative activity. He carried on His labor of providence; he carried on holding all things together, making/ everything go by the Word of His power; or everything would have fallen to pieces. But He rested from His creative activity as an example to us that we should take one period in seven for rest. And the seventh day we surely are still in, because I see no evidence that God has recommenced creative activity ~~as yet~~ as yet. And so how long are these days? I don't know. But when somebody insists these days have got to be 24 years; that's what's necessary if you take it literally; he is reading something into the Bible. And I believe there has more trouble come, more unbelief, more difficulties in relation to the Bible from people from people reading things into the Bible that aren't there; and then giving it out as if that were what the Bible taught, and then/proving false, and then people thinking the Bible's wrong, than from almost any other cause. We should be careful not to read into it thoughts that are not there. God spoke. It's ~~xx~~ a simple thought, but it's a complex thought. We must compare Scripture with Scripture, and see what it means. God spoke in