

that God ^{should} ~~instantaneously~~ caused that the earth be covered with all sorts of vegetation and all sorts of animal life. It very distinctly suggests a slow process of bringing these into existence. ^{The Bible} There are certain steps that are definitely instantaneous in the creation, and God could cause all this to move at rapid speed and the events of the third, fifth and sixth days to ~~have~~ occur within a 24-hour period if He chose. There is no Scriptural evidence to prove that He chose to do so. The Bible explains ^{vital} ~~many~~ matters ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~creation~~ about the creation but it does not state how long it took in carrying out the creation. Science has not yet proved the length of time involved in the creation. There are various theories and as far as the length of time is concerned, these theories neither ^{contradict} ~~conflict with~~ nor accord with Scripture, for Scripture is silent ~~in~~ on this particular matter. ^{one phase of} [to D on HR

We have examined this chapter as an illustration of what we mean by the scientific approach to the Old Testament. It is very easy for us to grab an obvious literal interpretation of a passage and then say this is what it means and we must stand upon it. Such an attitude is not ~~of~~ honoring to God. The disciples never would have known about the Crucifixion and Resurrections of Christ as contained in the Old Testament. Jesus rebukes them for this. He ordered ~~that~~ them to ~~that~~ study it carefully, to believe every word ~~that~~ the prophets have written. On the other hand, we can take passages of Scripture and try to twist them into the shifting scientific theories of our day. This is equally foolish. God wants us to look at the Scripture and see exactly what it says. We should stand solidly on whatever is ^{its} ~~the~~ clearly stated in the Scripture. We should dig under ~~the~~ surface and ~~find/out~~ get all the truth we can from it but as we do so, we should be very careful to indicate also those matters which are not specifically treated in the Scripture in order that we may keep from