

On the first day God ^{" said, Let there be light, and there was light."} ~~ordered this that light come into existence.~~ This may indicate the beginning of most of the dynamic forces of the universe. However, it could be interpreted as merely ^{decribny} ~~the call~~ for the entrance of light into a particular planet, which ^{previously} lay in a condition of great darkness. ^{It On the}

~~The~~ second creative day ~~there was~~ a firmament ^{was} made and ~~was~~ the water ^{it} below ^{was} separated from those above. The Hebrew word translated 'firmament' is derived from the idea of something beaten out into great thinness. It does not necessarily ^{mean!} ~~apply~~ to something solid, but ^{may indicate} simply an expanse surrounding a particular planet so that the water below and those above it are separated. This could describe the gradual ~~formation~~ of various planets and the separation of elements which had previously been intermingled, or it could deal exclusively with our particular earth. The verse does not enable us to determine between the two possibilities.

The last 4 days are restricted to this planet. On the third day two major events occur. The first of these is the formation of seas and the emergence of dry land. The second part of the day tells of the gradual appearance of many types of vegetation upon this land.

The 4th day has sometimes been interpreted as a description of the creation of the sun, moon, and stars. Closer reading of the verse strongly suggests that what is meant is not that they ^{were then} ~~are~~ created, but that they become visible upon this earth. Removal of some layer that surrounded the earth may be what is meant. The principal emphasis in the verse is that these bodies became available for markers of periods of time. ~~Since the creation is described from the viewpoint of this earth, it is not reasonable to think that this is meaning that the sun, moon and stars were only then created, any more than to take the appearance of the dry land on the third day as meaning the dry land only then came into existence.~~

On the ^{first} ~~first~~ day ^{water} ~~different types of animals were caused to come into being.~~ ^{and birds were created.}