

it impresses me as likely. But from that we assume so much that whatever it says, that everything was just <sup>an</sup>instantaneous, and, for instance, we think, did God instantaneously called the earth to be covered with trees, plants, and grass, all standing here a hundred years old, suddenly standing here in a spot where they weren't before. God could have done that, of course, He didn't have to take twenty-four hours to do it, He could have done it in one second if He chose to do it. But is that what the Bible says He did? If you look at the account of the third day, you read that God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the earth yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, and <sup>reseed</sup>proceeding itself upon the earth, and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass and herb yielding seed after his kind and the tree with its fruit, whose seed was in itself after his kind. And God saw that it was good." Now, it is not expressed that it was an <sup>an</sup>instantaneous thing that God said (Let the earth be covered with great trees), but let the earth bring forth trees). The picture that you get when you read this is surely a picture of a process, of something happening over a period of time. I've heard many people say, well, God must have made the <sup>oak</sup>oak trees so that they appeared old even though they were made that instant, they looked a hundred years old, and they had tree rings in them so that they looked a hundred years ~~ent~~ old. Well, God could do that if He choose, but this does not say that God chose to do it. This verse says, Let the earth be bring forth trees, and if that's what He did, the tree wouldn't have any <sup>more</sup>rings in it ~~and the~~ than the length or amount of the process. But of course God could speed up the process; He could have everything that could happen in a hundred years happen in ten minutes, but this doesn't say anything that would prove that that is what He did. It suggests a process, rather than an instantaneous action. The same is true of the creation of the fish, the creation of fowl, the creation of animals. And even