

I read an article not long ago by a man who was discussing inerrancy of Scripture. He said, Those who hold to inerrancy of Scripture have to make all kinds of twisting in order to try to still hold to it. For instance, he said, They tell us that the word "day" in Gen. 1 does not mean day. Of course, when a man who has been thoroughly trained in Hebrew and has been a theological professor for a long time -- the ignorance of that statement is absolutely astounding!

What does the English word "day" mean? That's not of great importance. The question is what does the Hebrew word mean? Even as far as the English word is concerned, what does the English word "day" mean? Jesus said, Abraham saw my day and was glad. Which of Jesus' days was he talking about? that Abraham saw? I heard a man say on radio, In Lincoln's day they had to use horses for transportation. Which of Lincoln's days was he talking about. If I met you at 10 p.m. and I said, Isn't this a lovely day? You'd say, What are you talking about, This isn't day at all, this is night! We do not use the word day simply in the sense of a 24 hour day, unless we're figuring up interest charges or looking up airplane schedules. That's not what the English word day means, and it's certainly not what the Hebrew word day means.

Each of them means a period of activity. A period which normally was represented by a time of light between two periods of darkness, but which is often extended to mean a long period of activity. God could certainly have created the world in six days -- six 24 hr. days -- if he chose. He could have done it in six minutes if he chose to. God can do what ever he chooses, but the Bible has not told us. It's interesting to theorize. The same is true of the age of this earth; and the age of the universe.