

that pi (the relation of diameter to circumference) is not 3 but 3 and a seventh. So the Bible is incorrect! Of course, the difficulty there is they are trying to draw from a statement more than you can reasonably get from the statement. The statement is dealing in tens. It is one ten across it, three tens around it. It is not carrying it down to another decimal. If you want to carry it to another decimal you would say it is 10 across and ~~it~~ it is 31 around, and even then you would not be accurate!

You add another decimal and you say it is 3.14 you are not accurate. You could go on adding decimals until you added hundreds of decimals. Hundreds of numbers to it. Still it would not have the exact point. I can say it's 100 miles from Philadelphia to New York. Somebody might say, I am speaking what is not true. It may be actually 97; it may be 103. I don't know exactly what it is. But I am using the enumeration of 100. If you brought it down to the fraction of an inch you would still not have it exact.

We cannot draw all knowledge or all truth from the Bible. There are many people who believe it is very important that we believe God made heaven and earth in seven 24 hour days. I have no question in my mind that God could have made heaven and earth in seven 24 hour days. Or he could have done it in 7 minutes! He could do it in one instant if he chose. I have no question of that. But what does the Bible teach? Well, a day. I read a statement the other day, How can you believe in inerrancy? People who believe in ~~xxx~~ inerrancy have to twist things like saying a day is not a day; it's something else. But what is a day?

I wonder if you were to write down all the times next month that you use the word day, and then you were to go back and see how many of those times you meant a 24 hour period, I don't think you would have found more than 2 or 3 at that! We say "day" for a 24 hour period when we are trying to plan airplane schedules, or when we're figuring interest. Otherwise we never use the word "day" for a 24 hour period. If I meet you tonight after the meeting and say, Isn't this a lovely day? You'd say what are you talking about? It isn't day at all. It is night.

Jesus said, Abraham saw my day and was glad. What day did he mean? He meant the period of activity. We use the word day for a period of activity. It is normally the period of light between two periods of darkness. It may mean a long period, it may mean a short period. Normally it means a short period. But it never means exactly 24 hours. Now you can believe God made the world in 24 hrs. if you want, or you can believe He took periods of different lengths. Don't say the Bible necessarily says one or the other. We can find evidence on that. We can compare other Scriptures. We can look for evidence from different signs (kinds?). It is one of the thousands of thousands of matters that God has not revealed to us. If God were to reveal all the facts of the universe to us, it would take ~~all~~ encyclopedias and not one book the size of the Bible.