

not from dust from the ground. Nevertheless, since Adam's flesh and bones were formed from the dust, Eva also (indirectly) was from the dust; and as a result of the Fall, was destined, by the sentence of death, to return with Adam to the dust. Thus the curse in Genesis 3:19 falls upon both Adam and Eve, and upon all of their posterity.

EVENT #14 (recorded in Genesis 2:1-3) -- The Cessation of God's immediate Creation; the continuation of God's Mediate Creation.

By "cessation of God's immediate Creation" is meant the completion of God's purposed activity of bringing the universe and its constituent elements into being. This expression is not intended to deny the reality of miracle, or to deny the immediate character of God's redemptive acts.

I do not believe that the words, "He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made," mean that God was tired out from all that creating and therefore needed to rest up for a day before He took up the Job of keeping everything running. Rather, I believe that this "resting from work" is better understood as a cessation, a stopping of God's creative activity in the *Ex Nihilo* and immediate senses. Of course, His Mediate creative activity continued, continues, and shall continue until the end of time.

The chronological meaning of the term "day" in Genesis 1-2

What is the chronological meaning of the term "day" in the Genesis record of the seven creation "days"? This question places before us the task of determining true Scriptural meaning, according to usage, of the Hebrew word *YOM* (יּוֹם).

The Authorized or King James Version translates the Hebrew word *YOM* in the following ways: 1167 times *YOM* is translated "day," 65 times it is translated "time", 30 times it is translated "today" (in these cases the Hebrew has the definite article); 29 times it is translated "daily" (in these cases *YOM* is associated with various prepositions and adjectives): and 18 times it is translated "for ever"!

Quite apparently the King James translators viewed *YOM* as comprising a fairly broad range of meaning!

Upon examination of a large number of usages in context, the possibilities of meaning of the Hebrew word *YOM* appear to contract to essentially four:

- (1) A period during which there is light upon a part of earth's surface, relative to a particular location on earth; or simply a period of light.

Thus in Genesis 1:5 we read, "And God called the light *YOM*": and in Genesis 1:16 we read that God made "the greater light to rule the *YOM*."

- (2) A period during which the earth makes one full rotation upon its axis; or a 24-hour day.