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Black Newspaper Starts Protest Movement

Washington, D. C. ... The Capital Spotlight, Washington's oldest black owned newspaper, is seeking 50,000 people to sign a petition calling for the boycott of Japanese products by Black Americans. The Spotlight's campaign

is in direct response to recent actions of racism by certain Japanese business and government leaders directed at black America, including: Statements made by former Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone, who commented that blacks

were responsible for lowering overall intelligence levels in America; Japanese Minister Watanabe's claim that blacks are irresponsible and traditionally file for bankruptcy to elude their financial debts; and The practice by a number of Japanese firms to use Sambo figurines, which portray blacks in demeaning images, to market and promote the sale of Japanese consumer items.

when blacks buy Japanese products we are giving financial support to a nation that uses the money to finance our disrespect. When and wherever possible blacks should not buy Japanese products and thereby avoid financing a system that believes black people are a joke," said Murray.

In addition, the Capital Spotlight in concert with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America), the Afrikan American Committee Against Japanese Racism and the Congressional Black Caucus is urging Black Americans to "BUY AMERICAN" products during the 1988 Christmas Season. The objective is to curb black purchases of

Japanese products during the Christmas Holiday Season and divert their enormous consumer power toward American products. Trading statistics show that Black Americans buy 20 percent of the Japanese imports to this country.



The Boys



Angela Winbush, Countess Vaughn, Lou Rawls

Digest Offers Christmas Greetings This Year!

If you want your Christmas Greeting to reach thousands of people, place your Christmas Greeting in the Southwest Digest for only \$5.00. Hurry today, because the deadline is Friday, December 16, 1988 if you want your greetings to reach thousands of people. Hurry before the deadline.

KCBD Offers Free CITIBUS Ride

Citibus is offering free rides through December 10 to anyone donating canned food as part of KCBD's U Can Share drive which is raising food for the South Plains Food Bank. Steve Cortez, a Citibus driver for the past four years, is gearing up for this year's canned food drive. According to Cortez, "We have always had a good response from the Citibus riders. Just about everyone who gets on the bus has a can of food with them." Cortez, who donates a bag of canned food himself each year, estimated that 70% of his passengers bring a can of food. "Some people donate the food and pay their fare anyway."

Riders who wish to participate can save their regular fare by bringing canned food and depositing it in the burlap bags that will be kept at the front of each Citibus.

When asked about the most popular types of food donated, Cortez said, "Most people bring vegetables, especially corn and beans. Last year someone brought a can of some strange health food every day. They must have had a pantry full and wanted to get rid of it."

Cortez averages about 1 1/2 bags per day. Citibus as a whole averaged 466 pounds of food per day last year.

NAACP Election

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will hold its bi annual election of officers on January 7, 1989.

Any person who has been a member of the NAACP for the past thirty (30) days is eligible to run for an office.

Members who wish to be a candidate for an officer should send their name, address, telephone number and time available on



LaCharles Paul Keesee, II

PVAMU's Keesee Elected National Veep

Prairie View, Tx. ... LaCharles Paul Keesee, II, a senior electrical engineering major at Prairie View A&M University, has been elected National Vice President of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The election took place at the 68th national meeting in Dallas in August.

Keesee is enrolled in the Benjamin Banneker Honors College at PVAMU and plans to graduate in May 1989 and then either work for AT&T Bell Laboratories or enter law school.

He is a member of numerous professional and academic organizations, including: the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Blackstone Pre Law Society, the Economics and Finance

December 7, 1988 for an interview to:

Lubbock Branch NAACP
Attn: Nominating Com.
P. O. Box 837

Lubbock, Texas 79406
Send information NO LATER than December 5, 1988. All interviews will be held on December 7,



HOUSTON, TEXAS ... 1988 KOOL Achiever Award recipient in the Communications category, Catherine L. Hughes (left) of Washington, D. C., presents a \$10,000 check to Pluris Marshall, chairman of the National Black Media Coalition during that organization's annual conference in Houston

recently. As one of five recipients of the KOOL Achiever Award, Ms. Hughes received a \$10,000 contribution from award sponsor Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation to be donated to the non-profit, community service organization of her choice.

'Parade Of Stars' Telethon Is Sure Bet For Family Viewing

When the curtain rises on the 1988 "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon, Saturday, December 17, 1988, television viewers across the nation will be in store for seven hours of dynamic entertainment ... all geared to benefit the United Negro College Fund and its 42 member colleges and universities.

Over 40 entertainers are scheduled to appear on the prime time holiday extravaganza. The show promises something for everyone, and it is uniquely produced for family viewing.

Hot New Talent

While adult viewers will be encouraged to phone in their pledges during the telethon, young family members can look forward to hearing the fresh sounds of "The Boys," a singing quartet of brothers who critics say resemble the vintage sounds of the old "Jackson 5."

Riding on the success of their first hit single, "Dial My Heart," The Boys are true products of the Motown legacy. The four brothers ... Khiry, 14; Hakeem, 13; Tajh, 11; and Bilal, 9 ... got their start by performing in a talent shows in California, where they got special attention by doing a routine of karate moves set to music.

While on the way to their first recording, The Boys made cameo appearances in Stevie Wonder's "Skelliston" video, and in Nancy Reagan's anti drug video, "Stop The Madness." They

recently appeared on the television program, "It's Showtime at the Apollo" and are currently working on a TV pilot, appropriately titled, "The Boys."

Singer/actress Countess Vaughn, now a regular on the NBC sitcom "227," also promises to energize young family members during the "Parade of Stars." Countess, a 1988 "Star Search" champion in the Junior Vocalist category and overall Junior Champion, has successfully combined her singing and acting abilities.

Other television appearances by the 10 year old Vaughn include the "Disney Special ... Circus of NBC Kids," Showtime's "Super Dave Show," and the "Wil Shriner Show." She has also sung at the "James Cleveland Gospel Workshop" in Texarkana, Texas, and the "Martin Luther King Memorial Dinner" in Atlanta.

Other popular young performers to appear on the ninth annual telethon include Emmanuel "Webster" Lewis, "The Cosby Show" kids, singer Tracie Spencer, New Edition and the cast of "21 Jump Street."

Youthful appearing rock 'n' roll legend Little Richard also will be a part of this year's telethon festivities.

Veteran performer Ray Charles will be on hand to blend his rare style of blues, jazz, country and pop music.

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Services were well attended last Sunday morning without the former pastor, Rev. S. C. Nash, who is by now, enjoying his new adventure in Dallas, Texas at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bernice Kelly and sister, Mary, have been to Honey Grove, Texas. As it was reported, they have a sick aunt there. Will be praying for this family.

Ethel Blake's sister and husband from Texas City, Texas were visiting here last week. They reported a lovely visit here. Do come back and visit us again.

Micheal Matthews announced last week in church services at New Hope Baptist Church that

the Lord has called him to preach. Let us pray for him.

Carolyn Gilbert was here visiting her relatives here. She came home last Tuesday and stopped by to visit this writer. It sure was good to see her. We're praying for her.

Mr. J. D. Brown is visiting relatives in Brookshire, Texas.

Louise West's son and family, Sammy Sims from the Valley are visiting his parents here.

Why not take time and place a Christmas ad in the Southwest Digest. You have until December 16, 1988 to do so. It will only cost you \$5.00. Just think of how much time and cost you'll save by doing it here in your newspaper.

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Who Loves Your Baby?

by
William Reed

Who do you know that is the Black achievement recognition business and doing something positive toward assisting our community's internal self help efforts? Of all the companies who take our \$200 billion Black consumer dollars each year, who gives back to our community in a way that has sum and substance? As the old baseball philosopher, Yogi Berra would say, "You can observe by just watchin'."

The presenters of the Kool Achievers Awards, Mike Bateman and the Brown & Williamson Company, think that true Black leadership is alive and living in Harlem, Watts and the South Sides of all urban centers in the country. Led by a concerned, and Black, Special Markets Managers, the Louisville based Fortune 500 tobacco company has put money where its mouth is to promote internal development for the national Black community. Brown and Williamson garners sizable revenues from the Black community in tobacco sales, but it is one of a limited few consumer products companies that has had the moral and ethical concern to give substantive returns back to our community and illustrate that "a fair exchange is no robbery."

For third year, Brown and Williamson has presented the Kool Achiever Awards as a meaningful outreach program to recognize Black adults who are striving to improve the quality of life in inner city communities. A predictable and positive product of the program's impact is that it highlights an emerging group of Black leaders who espouse self help practices as opposed to the "handout" philosophies of the old line Black leadership.

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, but if you teach a man to fish he will feed himself for a lifetime," is a worthwhile old saying. Just in the third year, the B&W Achievers program has shown consumer respect for Blacks and the potential for a similar "feed yourself" residual effect in our communities. For example, the \$50,000 that the Kool Achievers are awarded each year goes directly to non profit organizations of the awardee's choice to help those groups continue their community based programs. Such a financial endowment goes a long way in helping those groups to help us. The national promoters for the Kool Awards program is a Black public relations firm, in this way B&W funds numerous staff salaries in that firm and helps to stimulate this segment of Black business. The impact of the national recognition has helped the program's awardees to gain increased mainstream stature and assisted a number of them toward obtaining new organizational, and business operations, financing. The 1988 Business Category Awardee, Harvey Johnson of Augusta, Georgia, got a

profitable fast food franchise after his recognition for that year, and reports that he is already negotiating for a second enterprise in that industry. And the effect of Kool Achievers advertising in the Black Press of America has had a measurable bottom line effect in scores of cities on this valuable Black institution. In sum and substance, with this type of program B&W has provided a measurable amount of new jobs for Blacks in the promotion industry; recognized people who are the catalysts for long term growth in Black communities; involved the executive resources of major Black organizations; and supported Black media, graphics and

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retailing businesses. Who loves ya? Maybe it would be a bit much to say that B&W corporate affections go that far, but when it comes to corporate reciprocity this is one company that Black Folk need to be watchin' so we can illustrate to the others who sell us booze, beer, cars and cigarettes how we desire be treated in the marketplace.

Programs like the Kool Achievers can help Black America to look inside itself for internal support, and at the same time, outside of itself to pay attention to those who take from us and rarely return. As educated consumers now that we know what reciprocity can mean, we will realize much more that we can have meaningful involvements in our own destinies everytime we vote with our dollars.

"Congrats"



Tracye McDaniel

The Southwest Digest would like to say good luck and congratulations to Tracye McDaniel, who is Capital City Chamber of Commerce executive director, for being elected as the first president of the Texas Association of Black Chambers of Commerce (TABCC) at a meeting held in Fort Worth, Texas recently at the Holiday Inn South Hotel and Conference Center.

"Because of where Tracye is located in Texas, she'll be an asset to our effort. She is also a dynamic, hard working young lady," said Eddie P. Richardson, executive director of the Lubbock Black Chamber.

TABCC's infancy began in Lubbock, with the LBCE as

host, last December. Because of this effort and others, today there is a state effort, according to Richardson.

The TABCC represents twenty Black Chambers of Commerce from throughout Texas and was organized to improve communication between chambers of commerce with similar goals and to facilitate cooperative effort on issues of statewide interest.

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Why do we lie and steal from the people we love?

Our morals are being weakened by the all mighty dollar, but when will we relate to the word of God for there won't be any money in the New Heaven.

Tomorrow is only a fraction of an eternity, therefore, if we don't start today there might not be no tomorrow. We allow ourselves to believe in those who have no belief at all. We put weight on our shoulders, that is, too heavy to carry, keep on with the way we're living, keep on lying, and stealing and trying to skeem, then when The Lord comes, it'll be too late to realize that this world is for real, and the Word, and not Only A Dream.

Black Chamber Briefs

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Invest In Your Community

Dear friends: we would like to help clarify the article that appeared in the September 1, 1988 edition of the Southwest Digest concerning the formation of the Canyon Lakes Credit Union for Districts I and II by suggesting how certain questions of the survey might be answered to convince the League of the commitment that is being put forth by the citizens of these districts in order to help them qualify for the necessary charter for the credit union. No cash is needed at this time, just your commitment!

- A. Yes for Number 4 of the survey.
 - B. \$50.00 or more over a 6 month period for Number 5.
 - C. A minimum of \$1.00 for Number 6 of the survey.
- In addition to the Churches and to the Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the survey forms may be found at Joe and Paul's Barber Shop, Lee's Cafe, the Estacado Matador Barber Shop, and Parkway Neighborhood Center.

You may call David H. Sowell, president of the Board of Directors of the Canyon Lakes Development Union, at his work number, 792 7161, or at his home, 765 8679; or Eddie Richardson, executive director of the Black Chamber, 747 9804. If you would like additional information, please call either one of the above. A sample copy of the suggested survey is printed below for your convenience. Thank you for your interest.

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- 5. What amount would you be willing to deposit initially.
- 6. How much money per month would you be willing to place in savings?
- 7. Would you be willing to serve as an official in the credit union?

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THIS N THAT

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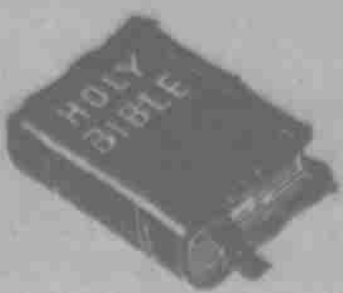
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REVENGE: The poor
delight of little minds.
Juvenal

Continued from November 30, 1988

The freedom to speak our minds is a precious gift. Throughout history, it has been and is a rare privilege. However, we should not abuse this privilege. What we speak is worthy of free people. But a moment's thought before we speak might save us and those around us many hurts. We cannot choose our feeling, but we can choose our actions, and speech is one. Certainly, it is not wise to speak out of negative feeling.

Rehoboam's negative words ("My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions" I Kings 12:14.) hasten the division of his kingdom. Rehoboam's arrogant nature and castigating speech was an error that could not be repired. He felt that he had enough political and military backing to bring back the ten tribes by force. He raised an army of 180,000 men from the tribe of Judah and Benjamin to go against the northern tribes, but God sent word through Shemaiah, of God, that the mission ought to be aborted. Rehoboam was told that the division of the tribes was approved by God.

From the life of Rehoboam, we have learned that you cannot be a tyrant without hurting your fellow person; anger is cancerous; revenge comes from little minds; mistakes are permitted, but we eat their bitter fruits in God's righteous judgment.

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"Lord, That Steward Is Robbing Thee"

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Isaiah 58:1 -- The Lord said, cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression (sins).

Matthew 13:43c -- Jesus said, who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Lord, it happened to men every time, he takes his eyes off thee. Then he winds up robbing You of your goodness. "He's a thief."

Malachi 3:8 -- Will a man rob God? (Yes, he will and not with money!!)

You chose some faithful ones, and they'll work until (eternal).

Matthew 25:14-18 -- Jesus said, the kingdom of heaven is as (a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

Matthew 4:19 -- Jesus said, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Lord, You one day called Jonah, and told him your will to do.

But he got a boat, and went the way he wanted to travel.

Jonah 1:1-3a -- Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

Lord, it seems to start by "selfishness", I'll do what I want too. It's a sin to work for the devil, after starting out with you.

Luke 9:62 -- Jesus said, no man having put his hand to the plough (plow), and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Mark 4:9 -- Jesus said unto them, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 4:5-7 -- The devil, taking him (Jesus) up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said if thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

(The devil's kingdoms are the unjust doing upon this earth, he is the father of them.)

Micah 7:2-3 -- The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men. They all lie and wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward, and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

Lord, there goes another preacher, dropping "Rev." from his name. The devil is getting ready to "sift as wheat" shame, shame, shame.

Lord, there are some who think they're "to save the world." But you called them to preach "The Gospel" to men, women, boys and girls.

Matthew 28:19-20 -- Jesus said, go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I'm with you always, even unto the end of the world.

God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another always!

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By My Lord Jesus Christ

Written by Rev. Billy "B. J." Morrison, III

Your Brother

In Christ Jesus Always! 10-15-87

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Mr & Mrs Johnson a people that's truly standing on faith. A faith filled house hold. What a blessing it was to meet in this home.

President Burleson presided over the meeting, opening scripture Psalms 100, prayers and songs of praise went forth.

The morning scripture lesson by president Burleson, James 1:2 6,22 & 27. (2) My brotherens, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, (22) but be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (27) Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

This speaker said when things go wrong count it all joy; things are working together for good, if you love the Lord according to his purpose. Read the 27 verse and stop trying to be pure in all the wrong places. Pure religion that looks good before God is simple, how's your spots, the world is watching you, there are many that look and seem to be religious but can't bridle his tongue, this kind of religion is vain.

This was a helpful message. Thank you president. We love you.

Though for the Week If you are into any thing and God is not in it you better hurry and get out., God is still in control of his world.

You can strike him from the records take his name out of your books, of the Library shelves and this will not alter his power over your life. When everything that disown God folds up, God will still be God. If you like it or not, HE'S GOD ALL BY HIMSELF. He does not need you and I, but we need him. (Think about it). II Chronicles 7:14.

Breakfast was served nice and hot, what a precious moment to come together, and thank God for his blessings.

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Those who heard the announcement may come and also bring a covered dish, just like the Feast the ones invited did come so somebody (mae come) Remember every usher that can come be there for Jesus will also be there.

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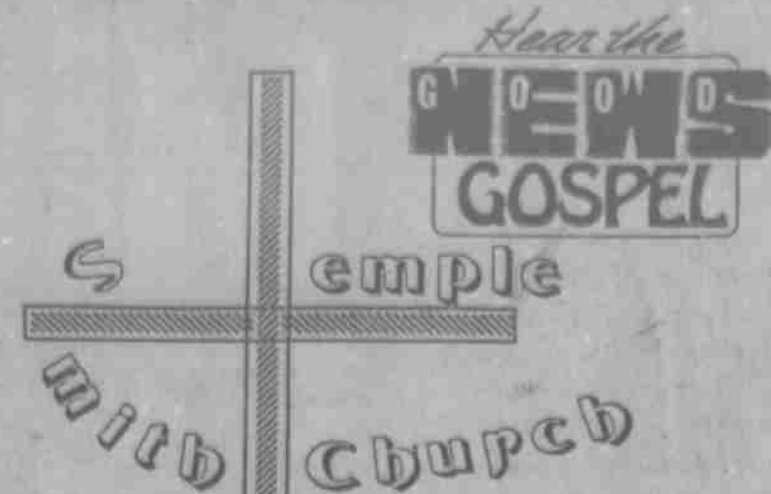


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THE MEANING OF DAY IN GENESIS

The length of the "days" of creation in Genesis has involved a major controversy in Bible interpretation among evangelicals for many years. Many have sought to redefine the term in light of the naturalistic presuppositions of modern scientism. Therefore, let us attempt, honestly, to examine the evidence from the Holy Scriptures found in God's Word.

The communication of language is through words and their use. We must ask ourselves why Moses was using the words he did, and not other words. What is the meaning he was trying to communicate to his original audience and to us, as well? Why did Moses use the word "day" and not the more generic term, "time"? Is there any significance to the repeated use of numbers in the account ("first day", "second day", etc.)? Why are these "days" bounded by the terms, "evening and morning"? As we examine the text of Genesis 1, answers to these questions become clear.

THE MEANING OF "DAY"

Those who argue that the word "day" means "a long age", point out that the Hebrew word, *yom*, can have a number of meanings, only one of which is "a day of 24 hours". They further seek to strengthen their position with the use of Psalm 90:4 and I Peter 3:8, comparing a day to a thousand years. Both of these verses, however, are simply using figures of speech (*similes*) to show that God is not constrained by the same time parameters as are humans. These verses are really irrelevant to the discussion of the meaning of "day" in Genesis 1.

It is recognized, of course, that the word "day" can be used with several variations. It can have any of several meanings: (1) a period of light; (2) a period of 24 hours; (3) a general, vague time; (4) a point of time; (5) a year. The context determines which of these is intended by the writer. The English language also can have many definitions for the word "day". We should be reminded that the purpose of language is to communicate. Moses wrote in a language that was meant to communicate to his readers. Words should be defined by their relationship to one another. Word meaning must be determined from within its context. It will be shown how the context defines the word in Genesis Chapter 1.

The use of a number with the word "day" is very illuminating. This combination occurs many times outside of Genesis 1. The combination is used in several ways, but each time it is used, it must mean 24-hour periods of time. If the combinations had been intended to mean long periods of time, both the texts and contexts then become meaningless. A typical verse is Genesis 30:36 "And he (Leban) set three days journey betwixt himself and Jacob." God frequently issued commands that the people were to do or not to do certain things on a given day. This use occurs many times. A good example is Exodus 24:16 "And the glory of the Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and the Cloud covered it six days; and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud." These are the most typical uses of the word "day" with a number. Each time the terms are used to show a starting point. Ezra 3:6 says, "From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord." A number may also be used with "day" to convey an ending point. An example is Leviticus 19:6 "It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow; and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire? When the Old Testament uses a No. with the word "day", it means a 24-hour period of time without any exception.

If the meaning of the word "day" with a number always means a 24-hour period of time outside of Genesis 1, then it should also mean a 24-hour period of time inside Genesis 1. The words Moses used to communicate what God did during the creation are very significant. If Moses had meant to signify that the "days" were more than 24-hours in length, he could easily have done so. If we are to understand what Moses wrote, then the language he used must be understood in its normal meaning. The normal meaning is 24-hour periods of time.

ABSENCE OF THE ARTICLE

Once we have determined the meaning of the word "day", we need also to examine another problem connected with the days of Genesis 1. Some have observed the absence of the article from the mention of each of the first six days. They have concluded that Moses must have meant to convey to his readers that at least those days were long periods of time. They have noted that the normal use of the article is to make the noun definite. Gleason Archer makes the following statement in the Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties "In Hebrew prose of this genre, the definite article was generally used where the noun was intended to be definite." The genre, or the form of the literature (that is, history as opposed to poetry) he is referring to here, is history. Let us see if he is correct in this use of the article.

We must be aware of two points regarding the use of the article in Hebrew. First, the article is usually present in the historical sections of the Old Testament for the sake of definiteness. But this is not always the case. Second, Hebrew has more peculiarities in its use of the article than most languages. This should make us very sensitive to the nature of the Hebrew language. The Hebrew language is one that must be observed closely. The most common observation among Jewish and Christian commentators is that the use of the article on the last two days is to show the importance of the sixth and seventh days. This also is in full accord with the Hebrew grammatical rule that the article may be used in this manner. On the basis of grammar alone, then, we are still justified in our use of "day" as being 24-hours in length.

Also, there is another reason for the absence of the article. Numbers in the Hebrew
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languages have a definitive quality in themselves. They are referred to as substantives, yet the meaning is the same. A substantive is a noun that we can touch, such as a chair. There are many examples where the number and noun occur without the article, yet the meaning is definite. There are other occurrences similar to Genesis 1, where the noun does not have the article but is with a number. In each of these other occurrences, the English translation uses the definite article. The other occurrences are Numbers 11:19; 11 Samuel 1:1; 1 Chronicles 12:39; 11 Chronicles 20:25; Ezra 8:15, 32; Nehemiah 2:11; Daniel 1:12, 14, 15; 12:12, 13 and Jonah 3:4. Therefore, we must conclude that the absence of the article in Genesis 1 does not mean that the days are long periods of time. Moses' point is still very clear: The days are to be thought of as normal 24-hour days.

EVENING AND MORNING

The meaning of the term "day" must be seen in conjunction with the use of "evening" and "morning". Those who would argue that the days are long periods contend that these terms can have figurative meanings. But what is their meaning in the context of Genesis 1? We must ask ourselves, how would the people have understood these terms "evening" and "morning"? Is Moses, inspired by God, trying to deceive us by telling us the truth about the length of the "days"?

The Old Testament records many times when these two words are used in the same verse. Each time they occur, the meaning must be that of a normal 24-hour day. Here are a couple of examples to illustrate the point: Exodus 16:8 says "And Moses said, this shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full;" Also Exodus 18:13 which says "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses set to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening." All the other occurrences are essentially the same. So then, when the words "morning" and "evening" are used in the same verse, they must refer to a normal 24-hour day.

STATEMENT BY GOD

God did not leave the length of the creation days open to question. He told us the exact length of each day. In Exodus 20:11 He said "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:"

The context of the statement is an emphatic command. God tells the people "remember" and "keep" the sabbath. God then tells them how to keep the Sabbath in their daily lives. The people can tell when they are keeping the Sabbath if they are resting on the seventh day. God then anchors the reality of the present days to the reality of the past days of creation. God has set the pattern of Israel's work week. The "days" are the same kind of days that the people would have readily known.

As it has been demonstrated previously, "day" used with a number, means a 24-hour day. It is obvious that throughout all Israel's history, the people have understood this to mean a 24-hour day. Even those who hold to the long ages theory of Genesis 1 acknowledge the "days" of Exodus 20:8-11 to be 24-hour days. Therefore, the "days" of creation must also have been 24-hours in length.

CONCLUSION

What can we conclude concerning the length of the "days" of creation? The usage of the word "day" with a number, means a 24-hour period. The absence of the article does not alter that meaning. Further, the use of "evening" and "morning" indicates that a normal 24-hour time period is meant in Genesis 1. God, Himself, said that the creation took only six days. We also must ask ourselves, did Moses and God deceive us by using the word "day" if it really was a long period of time? If our answer is yes, then we should not use the Bible for any of our beliefs. For, if God can deceive us concerning the events of creation, He might have done that in regards to the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. The bottom line is that we then can have no confidence or security in God's Word, if the long-day view is held. It is far better to believe God at His Word, and take the creation days as 24-hour days based upon faith and believing the infallible Word of God.

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