

story of His creation to Moses in a six-day period and Moses told or wrote the creation story in that format. Similarly, the six days may represent six points in time when God spoke "Let there be . . ." and consequently initiated a whole new phase of creation at each of these points in time -- the light, the animals, man himself.

It is my belief that there is sufficient biblical authority to interpret the six days of Genesis as six major eras or time periods of creation. I believe that Moses was originally speaking to pre-scientific Hebrew people in a time frame they could comprehend. He used a literary structural framework with which they were familiar. He used poetic language which was not only beautiful but easy to remember. Genesis was written for our modern era as well, and we should make the linguistic and cultural transition.