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My Dear Dr Dawson

I have delayed acknowledging  
Your kind remembrance of me in  
the gift of a copy of "The Dawn  
of life" till I should have  
read it; but that many pressing  
duties have delayed. The  
subject you treat of is full  
of interest; and pregnant with  
many curious glimpses of  
that first dawn when the  
Spirit of God moved over the  
lifeless void; and Cosmos  
grew out of Chaos. And  
that reminds me of Yours

notes to the Rev. A. J. McCant's  
"Biblical Interpretation."

I have been in the habit  
of using an argument in  
reference to the Days of  
Creation, — actual solar days,  
or periods? — no doubt,  
familiar to you, and possibly  
rejected as ~~too~~ obvious.

Our days are mere accidents  
of our own planet; no more  
than the earth's own shadow  
cast by the sun. Go to Venus,  
Mars, or any other of the  
planets within our solar  
system, — all parts of the  
same creation; — and the  
measurement of time constituting

a solar day <sup>and year</sup> are widely  
different; amounting even  
to the whole life-time of  
man. Yet it is the same  
Sun which, at the same  
time is measuring off  
each revolution of the planets  
into days and years.

Viewed in this light, it becomes  
singularly unreasonable to  
limit the Divine Creator  
to the measurement of time  
determined by one of the  
smallest of the planets  
in the solar system  
which is itself so small  
a member of the stellar Universe.

Literally, one day of some of the heavenly bodies so remote from us may be measurable by our little day, as a thousand of our solar years.

But I am more and more convinced that science makes no sceptics; though sceptical men of science will naturally turn materialistic weapons to account in their own defence; and shallow smatterers try to persuade themselves and others that their doubts spring out of the profound depths of their amazing comprehensions of science! Many thanks for your pleasant glimpse of the Dawn.  
Ever faithfully yours  
Dan. Wilson