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Randall Younker describes one approach to interpretation of the Creation account in Genesis:

Generally, this school of thought has denied that the author of Genesis intended the narratives to be understood literally or historically. Rather, these narratives were intended to be read in a non-literal way. Some argue that the text is mythological; some say it is poetic-a literary artwork not meant to be understood literally; some say it is theological; some say it is symbolic. Some have proposed interpretations that the days of Genesis were not 24-hour days, and that the Flood was local instead of global-or not real at all. A number of Adventist scholars have been attracted to the interpretations of this school. ("A Literal Reading of Genesis," *Perspective Digest* 15/3 [2010]: 34).


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