

the matter in heaven and earth as does the first verse of chapter 1. Neither does it say anything about the creation of light, or of a firmament. There is no mention of the creation of the sun, moon and stars. There is no mention ~~of~~ specifically of a creation of different kinds of animals. It is a rather peculiar story of a creation in which all of these vital elements would seem to be missing.

It is alleged that the contradiction between these two stories consists principally in two factors. That one of them begins with a ^{chaos}..... (Gen. 1:2), and that the other begins with a very dry condition (Gen. 2:5). The second great contradiction is said to be in the order of the creation. In the first story we have plants created, then animals and then man. It is sometimes said that in the second story we have man created and then plants and then animals.

There are no other elements of the creation mentioned as being brought into existence in the second story except these three. It is true that indeed the second story has a fuller account of the creation of man (2:7) than the brief statement contained in the first chapter (2:27). Since so many other elements of the creation are missing it is necessary that we examine these elements and make sure that it actually does tell about the creation of plants and animals.

Some critical commentaries only speak of it as telling the creation of man and animals. This is what we would expect if they looked at the facts a little more closely. The fact that the nonmention of creation of plants in this chapter is what would be natural if one looked at the chapter more closely. Scientific approach means that we see exactly what the data are. Now what ~~are~~ the data here? that this is the third ~~about~~ the creation of plants?

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~~It~~ is found in verses 8 and 9. It says that "Lord God planted a garden". This is surely a strange way to tell about the creation of vegetation. Verse 9 says that "out of the ground", giving details