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There are six principles that we should note;

P.P. We must assume that the writer had normal intelligence, and interpret his work as fitting together. (CAPS)

In almost any ~~work~~ ^{writing} it is possible to interpret sentences or even paragraphs in somewhat different ways. The Verbal contradictions are easy to find in ~~the most coherent work that ever was written,~~ in even the most coherent of works. Unless it is ^{completely} proven that two sections of what appears to be a unified writing come from different sources, one should ~~first make~~ first make the attempt to interpret them in such a way as to fit them together reasonably.

This particular principle comes ~~from~~ into sharp relief when we note the relationship between ~~Genesis 1 and Genesis 2.~~ Genesis 1:1 ~~to~~ 2:4, ^{1:1-2:4} and Genesis 2:4 to the end of the chapter.

It is very common today for unbelievers when told that a person believes ^{the} Genesis account of creation to ~~ask~~ ^{say} which account of creation ^{do you} believe? ^{after all we} know that Genesis starts with two ~~different~~ contradictory accounts of creation."

Of course if this is so it immediately destroys all possibility of believing that Genesis ~~was~~ ^{was} written by one author, whether he had sources or not. It ~~also~~ destroys the possibility of believing that it is a part of the inspired word of God. ~~God~~ would not give us two contradictory accounts of the same thing. He might give complimentary or supplementary accounts which would overlap and which at first sight might seem to ~~have vital differences~~ ^{contradict one another} but we can be sure that if it is from God the apparent ~~differences~~ ^{contradictions} will disappear on close examination.

A very little attention to the details of Genesis 1 and 2 show immediately that we do not have here two different accounts of the creation of the universe. Genesis 1 ~~tells~~ tells about the creation of light. There is no mention of the creation of light in Genesis 2. Genesis 1 tells of the creation of the firmament. There is no mention of the