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to colonization by European countries. Another ^{book, an} account of the history of the United States in the 20th century, might begin with the United States as an independent nation, strong and prosperous, and already, as a result of the Spanish-American War, a factor in world affairs. The beginnings of the two accounts would sharply contradict each other, ^{until} but when it ^{was} noted that they start ^{at} different ^{places} and that ^{one-} the apparent contradiction becomes evident, it is immediately ^{be that this was not} seen not to be a contradiction at all. ^{Similar to,} The creation of the ^{time near the beginning of the} world in the early days of the creation of the world a certain situation would be found. In the time shortly before the creation of man an entirely different situation would ^{probably} naturally be ^{exist} found. Once we have seen that the writer had normal intelligence, once we see the difference in the purpose ^{and} subject matter of the two accounts, the apparent contradiction is seen to be no contradiction at all.

^{Some} A few critical books ^{will} state that the order of ^{steps} the events of creation in Genesis 2 sharply contradicts that in Genesis 1. They ^{will} say that in Genesis 1 we ^{find} have creation as follows: ~~vegetation we have~~ the following ~~account of creation in this order:~~ creation of vegetation, creation of animals, creation of man and woman. ^{While} in Genesis 2, they say, we ^{find, first,} have the creation of man, ^{next, the} creation of vegetation, ^{next, the} creation of animals, ^{last, the} creation of woman. In other critical books, this alleged contradiction is very considerably shortened by the elimination of all reference to vegetation. This second type of critical book ^{has} examined the material a little more carefully than the first type.

Let us notice this feature. The only reference that can be found in Genesis 2 to creation of vegetation is the statement that God ^{THE LORD} planted a garden ^{eastward} in Eden, and there he placed the man whom he had ^{formed} created. ^{(Gen 2:8), Verse} This ~~account~~ specifically mentions the trees in the garden. There is no mention of grass or of ^{herbs.} earth. ^{It says,} ^{the account} ~~it~~ says nothing about creation of ^{vegetation; it simply} speaks of the planting of ^{something in a} the garden. To say that the statement that God planted a garden and placed man there is an account of the creation of