

the Pentateuch made up of three interlocking documents. They claim each of them has a considerable part of the story with many overlappings. Somebody took them and cut them up and put them together this way.

But the foundation of the story is in these first two chs. where they say: two stories of creation; two different names for God; two very different styles of writing. Obviously they say, two different authors.

The issue of LIFE which came out on Christmas had in it the account of the J story. It said, God is believed in the first ch. of Genesis to have been written by a committee. But when you get to ch. 2 there is no committee. From 2:4 on you can see it was a great genius. One great writer who wrote that! Of course nobody can prove anything like that. We believe Moses wrote all of it.

But why is there this difference? Why this difference between ch. 1 and ch. 2? Doesn't that show we have different documents put together?

In the first place the statement that we have two stories of creation is simply not true. When I was in seminary the statement was made by the prof. of OT that (the first day I was there) that ch. 1 and ch. 2 of Gen. are like two succeeding pages of an atlas -- one being a map of the world, and the other being like the map of the western hemisphere. The two overlap, but the two are not the same. I don't agree with that! I believe it is more like a map of the world, and then a map of the U.S. But the principle he gave is true.

We have the story of creation in Gen. 1:1-2:4. We have the story of creation in 2:4 ff. Look at the story of creation in 2:4 ff. Where do you read that God created heaven and earth? No such statement here. Where do you read that God created sun, moon, and stars? No such statement here. Where do you read that God made a firmament? No such statement? Where do you read he gathered the waters together in one place and the dry land appeared? No such statement here.

Where do you read about the creation of vegetation? Oh, they say yes, you've got vegetation in v. 8. What does v. 8 say? "The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there he put the man whom he had formed." Is that the creation of vegetation? Every time we plant a garden are we creating vegetation? It's absurd. There's no creation of vegetation here. Some say you have the creation of animals here in v. 19. We'll ~~xxxx~~ look at it later. I don't believe we ~~xxxx~~ do. For the moment just suppose you do.

Here we have man, animals, and no account of any other creation. Over there you have the creation of all the stars, all the galaxies. Heaven and earth includes all this tremendous universe. You have the firmament, you have the sun, moon, stars. All these different things are touched upon in ch. 2. I don't believe creation of animals is in ch. 2 either! It's merely referred to there, not given there, but referred to.