

Henry C. But Dr. M. even if you say that you cannot carry through consistently, Isn't it strange that this should be the case with Genesis one and two? ~~Doesn't the fact that~~ ^{These} ~~the~~ two chapters are as strikingly parallel and yet as strikingly different as ~~by said by~~ my ~~the~~ ~~roommate~~ roommate says, doesn't ~~it~~ that go ~~along~~ ~~long~~ ~~way~~ ~~toward~~ ~~establishing~~ ~~the~~ ~~theory~~? Dr. M. ^{I'm} ~~not~~ ^{say} ready to ~~say~~ that it would do so. However, ^{that} ~~it~~ is not necessary. We can examine these chapters and find that actually the situation within them is very different from what your roommate thinks. First, let us look at the difference of ^{names} ... Your roommate says that Genesis 1:1-2:4a always uses the name Elohim, and that is correct. He also said that ~~it~~ ^{at the end of ch 4} 2:4b always uses the name ^{YHWH} JEHOVAH. Now, that is not quite accurate. In chapters 2 and 3 so many times we find the words which the King James Version represents ^{as} as the Lord God or ~~(might be put as~~ ~~capital~~ YHWH) as the critics would say Yahweh Elohim. ~~Yahweh Elohim~~ ^{through} This occurs ~~in~~ chapters 2 and 3 and ~~Yahweh Elohim~~ ^{which is used} hardly ever again in the Bible/ ~~and~~ ~~thus~~ Thus you have a term Elohim ~~used~~ /so many times ~~the~~ ~~Bible~~ in chapter one, /Also used in this combination, all though 2 and three. Henry C. I pointed that ^{the man} out to my roommate and he said that the redactor-- who combined the two documents -- put the word Elohim after ~~(put the word God after)~~ Yahweh in the chapters two and three. ⁱⁿ In order to show that the one ^{he} ~~who~~ was speaking about here was the same one that called Elohim in chapter one. ^{Dr. M.} That is a reasonable explanation of why a redactor might have made such a combination, ^{an} but wouldn't it be/equally reasonable ~~to~~ ~~say~~ explanation of why the original writer might have done it if ^{one} ~~one~~ writer wrote all four chapters. Henry C. I never ~~had~~ ^{but it} thought of that. ~~That~~ ^{the} ~~certainly~~ sounds reasonable, However, why should ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{writer} ~~writers~~ have used the name