

kinds of animals. And in the second story we find that it says that the Lord made every beast of the field and every fowl of the air. It says nothing about the fish. And no fish might in the second story at all. Now first, the second story does tell about woman. The first doesn't tell at length but it does suggest. It says male and female created he then. So that the second story is not a complete story of creation at all. It doesn't include anything outside of this earth and it includes comparatively little in the earth. It leaves out the fish and it leaves out all the vegetation except just the tree but it and it says nothing of course about the lakes or about the dry land or any of the natural features of the earth and of course it does include man and woman more fully than the other. And so the second one then is only a partial creation. / It is not a parallel to the first. Well now in this partial creation story then we have a contrast in order to the first one. The first one has a plant and then a long time after it has man. The second one starts with man and then has the plants we are told. Well now let's look at the accounts of plants in the second one. A first principle of the scientific method is to look at the fact exactly and see what it is and not be satisfied with a superficial interpretation. Now what is the fact. Verse 8 to 9 "And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden" It doesn't say he created herbs, he created grass, he created trees. He planted a garden and there he put the man he had formed and out of the garden he made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight. He made these trees grow. Now surely the Lord could have said, "Let there be a garden here covered with trees and grass and herbs. All standing there And the Lord could cause it all to come into existence and stand if he chose. But that is not what this verse says and for that matter it is not what we find in the first chapter. The first chapter is he causes these things to grow up and that is one big reason for questioning whether it is supposed to mean a twenty-four hour day. He could have said "Let it be covered with vegetation but he didn't. He said, Let it grow up. Let the