

# *Alleged Bible Contradictions*





**HELPFUL**  
principles

**SELECTION**

is not denial

**IMPRECISION**

is not inaccuracy

**COMPRESSION**

is not errant

**THEMATIC ORDERING**

is not chronological

**MYSTERY**

is not irreconcilable

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created first?

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So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them...So the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**.

*Genesis 1:27, 31*

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*Genesis 2:4-9*

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Were **ANIMALS** or **HUMANS**  
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Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." ...So the evening and the morning were the **fifth day**.

*Genesis 1:20, 23*

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so...So the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**.

*Genesis 1:24, 31*

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*Genesis 1:27, 31*

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." **Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast** of the field and every bird of the air, and **brought them to Adam** to see what he would call them.

*Genesis 2:18-19*



Genesis 1 mentions the creation of man as the last of a series, and without any details, whereas in Genesis 2 man is the center of interest, and more specific details are given about him and his setting. Failure to recognize the complementary nature of the subject — distinction between a skeleton outline of all creation on the one hand, and the concentration in detail on man and his immediate environment on the other — borders on obscurantism.

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*Ancient Orient and the Old Testament, 1966, p. 117*