

Points of Contact Between the Creation Narratives

- Presence of God's Word - "The LORD God said" - both accounts give access to His Word, setting things in motion
 - If we listen to the Word of God it gives life.
- "When-then" pattern in Ch 1:1, 3 & Ch 2: 4,7
- God sees the "good" - God's motivation is to do good for man.
- Things are given names:
 - Chapter One: God names things (until day three)
 - Chapter Two: Man names things
- Mention of the plants as well as the fruit trees
- Relationship between animals and mortals
 - Man and animals are created on the same day
- God's deliberation over man & woman: "Let us make . . ."
 - God's "pause" reflects His Divine concern for man & woman in His image
- Man and Woman made in God's Image
 - Chapter 3 reveals what this includes
- Mankind's preeminence over animals (dominion)
- Fruit trees as food for man and woman
 - Animals get the vegetation the field; Man gets that plus the fruit trees (prominent in Chapter 2)