

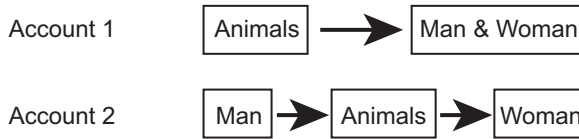
REACTIONS

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RE: SHEA: THE UNITY OF THE CREATION ACCOUNT (ORIGINS 5:9-38)

I appreciated the analysis of the literary structure of the two accounts of creation, but I was disappointed that Dr. Shea did not deal with the problem of the different order of events in the two accounts.

Genesis 1:24-27 apparently has man and woman created after the animals, for it describes the creation of animals and says, “*then* God said, let us make man ... male and female created he them” (Revised Standard Version). In the second account, Genesis 2:7, 18-20, the animals are created *after* man, as we are told that God recognizes man’s need for companionship, so He creates the animals, but not finding a suitable helper, woman is then created. It seems, therefore, that we have in chronological order:



Since we otherwise attach so much importance to the order of events of creation as evidenced by children’s Bible lessons and by the struggle over reconciling Genesis 1:3 and Genesis 1:14-18, it seems that the apparent discrepancy of order of events in chapter 1 and 2 needs explanation. My Bible commentary confirms the order of events, but does not seem to recognize the discrepancy. Perhaps Dr. Shea would be willing to respond to this question in a future issue.

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