

### **Bible Contradictions?**

(Here are two alleged Bible contradictions. Answer the questions and see if you can come up with the solutions. This homework assignment is due next class.)

Alleged contradiction #1:

- “Then God said, ‘Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.’ And it was so.” – Genesis 1:11.
- “This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens – and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up.” – Genesis 2:4-5.
- “Alleged contradiction: *Genesis 1 contains one story about the creation. Genesis 2 contains another story. Some editor mashed them together, but they contain many contradictions between the two stories. One of the obvious contradictions is about when plants were made. Chapter 1 says plants were created before mankind. Chapter 2 says that plants had not been created, then goes on to describe God creating mankind first.*

Homework Questions:

- What is a contradiction?
- Is this a contradiction?
- How would you explain this alleged contradiction?

(See other side)

Alleged contradiction #2:

- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds.” – Matthew 5:16.
- “Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them.” – Matthew 6:1.
- Alleged contradiction: *Jesus tells people to show their good works and to hide their good works! Which is it? And both of these things are supposedly said in the same sermon!*”
- Another comment by the person who said this was a contradiction: *Poor Jesus! Having to be written about like this. That people are confused about Jesus is no wonder.*

Homework Questions:

- Is this a contradiction?
- Did the person who said this contradiction omit anything? If so, what?
  
- How would you explain this alleged contradiction?