

The Wonder of Creation: Stories from Around the World

Explore the tapestry of belief—how does your story begin?

- Many creation stories, such as those found in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, describe a purposeful beginning where order is brought to the world through a divine plan.
- In many Indigenous Australian Dreamtime stories, the world was shaped by ancestral beings who travelled across the land, creating mountains, rivers, and stars as they moved.
- Some ancient Greek stories suggest the universe began as 'Chaos', a vast, empty void, before order and the gods began to take shape.
- In Hindu traditions, creation is often viewed as a cycle of expansion and contraction, suggesting that the universe is constantly changing and being reborn.
- Common themes in creation stories often include the importance of light, the elements of nature, and the special duty of humans to act as caretakers of the Earth.

Did you know? Did you know? Across human history, almost every culture has developed a 'creation myth' or story. These narratives are not just about how the world started; they are a way for people to express what they value most, such as the importance of nature, the kindness of ancestors, or the responsibility humans have to look after our planet.

Key vocabulary: Creation · Origin · Stewardship · Sacred · Belief · Universe · Diversity · Perspective