

Creation Stories: Faith and Origins

Learning objective: To understand and compare different religious and non-religious perspectives on the origins of the world.

Read the term on the left side of the card and try to recall the definition before checking the answer on the right. These flashcards help you explore how different groups explain the beginning of the universe.

What is 'Genesis'?

The first book in the Bible, which contains the story of how God created the world in six days.

Define 'Ex Nihilo'.

A Latin phrase meaning 'out of nothing', used to describe the belief that the universe was created from nothing by a divine being.

What is the Big Bang Theory?

A scientific theory suggesting the universe began as a tiny, hot, dense point billions of years ago and has been expanding ever since.

What is meant by 'Stewardship'?

The belief held by many religious people that humans have a duty to look after and protect the Earth and all its living creatures.

What is 'Creationism'?

The belief that the universe and living organisms originated from specific acts of divine creation, as described in sacred texts, rather than by natural processes like evolution.

Define 'Evolution'.

The scientific process by which living things change and develop over many millions of years to adapt to their environments.

What is a 'Sacred Text'?

A book or collection of writings that is considered holy or inspired by a deity, providing guidance and stories about origins for a religion.

Who is a 'Creator'?

A term used in many religions to describe the divine power or deity responsible for bringing the world and everything in it into existence.

True or False: Science and religion must always disagree on how the world began.

False. Many people believe that scientific theories and religious creation stories can exist side-by-side to explain different 'why' and 'how' questions.

What is the purpose of a 'Creation Story'?

To provide meaning, purpose, and an explanation for why the world exists and the place humans have within it.