

Religious Education Assessment: Perspectives on Creation

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of different religious and non-religious beliefs regarding the origins of the universe and the role of humanity in stewardship.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you express your ideas clearly. Ensure your answers reflect an understanding of both religious and scientific perspectives on creation.

Across the world, people have different ideas about how the universe began. Some people look to sacred texts, such as the book of Genesis, which describes a Creator bringing the world into existence. Others look to scientific theories, such as the Big Bang theory or the process of evolution, which rely on observations and evidence to explain how life developed over billions of years. Many people believe these views can exist side-by-side, while others choose to follow one path exclusively.

Word bank: Stewardship · Genesis · Evolution · Big Bang · Creator · Universe · Responsibility · Scientific · Faith · Evidence

1. Name one religious sacred text that contains a creation story and explain briefly what it tells us about the beginning of the world. (3 marks)

2. Explain the difference between a 'scientific' explanation of the universe and a 'religious' explanation. (3 marks)

3. Nova the owl is curious about how the world began. If Nova asks a scientist and a religious leader the same question, why might their answers be different? (4 marks)

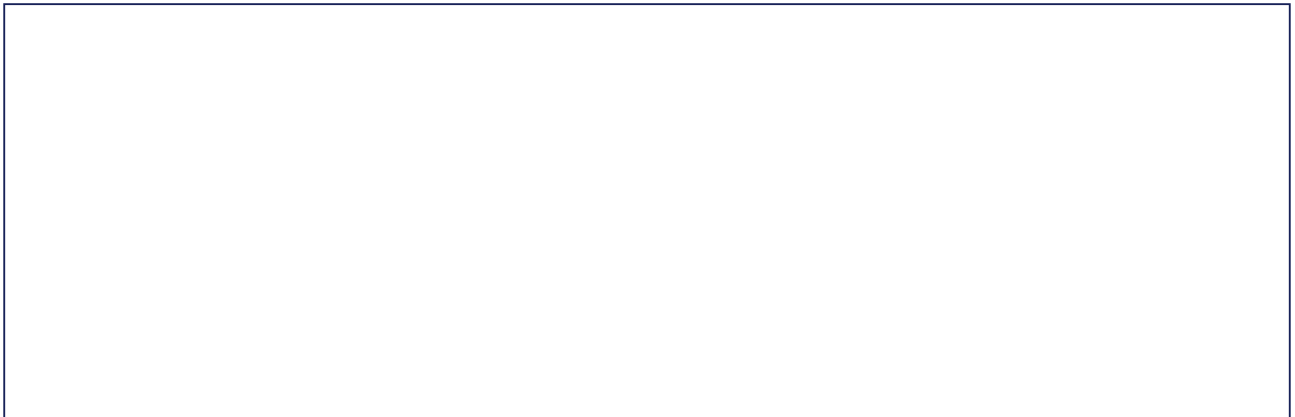
4. What does the term 'stewardship' mean in the context of creation? Why do many religious believers think it is important? (5 marks)

5. Max the monkey believes that science and faith can both be true at the same time. Do you agree or disagree? Give one reason for your answer. (5 marks)

6. List two ways that humans can show care for the Earth today. (2 marks)

7. True or False: All people who believe in a creator reject scientific theories like evolution. Explain your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: In the space below, draw a picture showing two different ways humans might view the beauty of the natural world (e.g., one side showing a scientific view of the stars and the other showing a spiritual view of creation).



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are writing a poem like Leo the lion. Write a short poem (4-6 lines) about the wonder of the natural world and the importance of looking after our planet.