

# Creation and Science—conflicting or complementary?

## What you've learnt already

### What our children should already know

Many Christians believe in God the creator who cares for all creation.

Many Christians believe that humans should listen to God.

That the Bible shows Christians how God wants them to behave.

## Choices

- What do you believe about how the world was created?
- How would you interpret Genesis?
- Do you believe that Christianity and science can be complementary?

## Key Vocabulary

Bible	The Christian holy book,
Complementary	Things that are different but make a good combination.
Conflicting	Serious differences between beliefs or opinions.
Cosmology	The study of astronomy involving the origin and evolution of the universe.
Creation	The act of bringing the world into existence out of nothing.
Evolution	The changes in a species over generations based on the theory of natural selection.
Genesis	A book or part of the bible which talks about Creation. Means origin.
Genre	A style or category of art, music, or literature
God	The one who created, and rules over,

## Artefacts and Symbols



## Similarities to other religions

Judaism - Genesis is also within the Torah

Islam - the Qu'ran says that the Earth was created in 6 days.

## Lesson Sequence

L1	Explore genres.
L2	Explore Genesis 1 as a text.
L3	Ask questions to make sense of the text Genesis
L4	Understand the viewpoint of a scientist who also believes in Christianity.
L5	Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator.
L6	Creation and Science – Conflicting or Complementary (Final Outcome)

## Key Knowledge

- Charles Darwin thought of the theory of natural selection.
- Arthur Wallace separately and independently thought of the theory of natural selection.
- An atheist doesn't believe that God exists
- An agnostic isn't sure if there is a God or not.
- Genesis is the story of how the world was created in the Christian faith.
- Scientists believe that the Big Bang (around 14 million years ago) created the universe.
- According to the bible, the world was created in 6 days:
  - Day 1 - light, day and night
  - Day 2 - sky and heavens
  - Day 3 - Earth, oceans and plants
  - Day 4 - Sun, moon and stars
  - Day 5 - Animals of air and water
  - Day 6 - Humans and other land animals

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What is Genesis the story of?	Who is best known for the theory of evolution and natural selection?	How many days did God create the world in according to Genesis?	Can scientists be Christians?
What is Arthur Wallace known for?	What does 'conflicting' mean?	What does 'complementary' mean?	Give examples of different Christian beliefs about Creation.
What genres could people interpret Genesis to be?	What was created on each day in Genesis?	Explain the difference between agnostic and atheist.	What do scientists believe about the creation of the world?
Why might Genesis and science be considered to be conflicting?	Why might Genesis and science be considered to be complementary?	What might Christians find inspiring in Genesis and how might it affect their view of the environment?	How does Genesis link to other religions?

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