Wonderful words

Science: the study of the structure and behaviour of the natural and physical world

Genesis: the first book of the Bible and Torah which includes God creating the world

Big Bang Theory: the belief that the universe began with a large explosion of matter

Complementary: when a number of things work well together and help explain each other

Creation: the act of creating the world by God or everything that God created

Literal: taking words and stories as they are without any interpretation

Creator: the being who created everything in the universe

Conflicting: no agreement or support for different ideas or views

Interpretation: an explanation of the meaning of something

Theory: a set of ideas to attempt to explain something

So how does it all work?

How the universe began

Science → Religion

Conflicting or Complementary?

Important information

There have been many different ideas about how the universe began from religion and from **science**.

Genesis chapter 1 in the Bible explains about a **Creator** God who made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh day. Some Christians have a **literal** understanding of the Bible and believe this happened as exactly as it says. Their **interpretation** of the **Creation** is that God made everything in six periods of twenty-four hours.

Some people have the **theory** that universe began with an explosion and they call this the **Big Bang Theory**.

Some people only believe one of these stories and say that they are **conflicting** accounts of the creation of the universe. Other people, such as religious scientists, believe that the stories about how the universe began are **complementary** and talk about the same thing but in different ways.

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