

Y6.1 Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?

Genesis Chapter 1 and 2

'In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth'

Psalms 8

What is mankind that you are mindful of them, Human beings that you care for them?

Many Christians believe that you can believe in God AND believe in science.

Quotes from Christian Scientists

'If the experience of science teaches us anything, it's that the world is very strange and surprising. The many revolutions in science have certainly shown that.'

John Polkinghorne

'Faith is not something that goes against the evidence, it goes beyond it.'

Alister McGrath

Creation The action or process of bringing something into existence

Big Bang The rapid expansion of matter commonly thought to be the beginning of the universe

Cosmology The science of the origin and development of the universe

Evolution The process by which living organisms are believed to develop

Literal truth Taking words in their most basic sense

Theological truth The creation story contains religious truth about the nature of God

Cosmological Argument An argument for the existence of God saying that God is the first cause.

Teleological Argument an argument for the existence of God based on design in the world

Symbolic Serving as a symbol

- Can you recognise that there is much debate and controversy around the relationship between Creation stories in Genesis and scientific accounts?
- Do you know that there are many scientists who are also Christians?
- Can you outline both scientific and biblical ideas about Creation?
- Do you know that the Genesis text is interpreted in different ways and that not all Christians agree on this issue?
- Do you know that the discoveries of science often make Christians even more in awe of the power and majesty of God?
- Do you know that Genesis can be interpreted to be in different genres i.e. is it a poetic account or a historical account.?
- Do you know that not all Christians believe the same about the relationship between Creation and science?

