



Creation

Key Question: Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

Important Knowledge



The creation story is in the book of Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

The Book of Genesis opens the story of creation. God, a spirit hovering over an empty, watery void, creates the world by speaking into the darkness and calling into being light, sky, land, vegetation, and living creatures over the course of six days. On the seventh day, God rested.



The Big Bang: this is the name that scientists use for the most common theory of the universe from the very early stages to the present day. The Big Bang Theory is that the universe as it is now has not always existed. The early universe was hot and dense. As time passed, the universe expanded and cooled. This idea first appeared in scientific form in 1931, by Georges Lemaître.



Some people say science and belief in creation are in conflict or complementary. However, Jennifer Wiseman is a person of faith. She claimed that science does not require belief in God, but it does vastly enrich the sense of a purposeful creation. Many people have debated these ideas. Science continues to explore how the universe works the way it does.

	Key Vocabulary
Genesis	A book in the Bible which tells a Christian creation story.
Scientific	based on the methods and principles of science.
Big Bang Theory	a common theory of the beginning of the Universe and evolution of living beings.
Creation	the belief that the universe was created in specific divine acts.
Conflict	to be in disagreement with. Complementary- to help balance an idea
Atheist	a person who does not believe in God.
Jennifer Wiseman	is a Christian who is also an astrophysicist (scientist).
Georges Lemaître	a Belgian cosmologist and Catholic priest.

Did you know?

The creation story text is sacred to three religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.