



KEY
VOCABULARY

creation

the act of making something. In religion, creation is the act of bringing the world into existence

monotheistic

the belief in one god

polytheistic

the belief in many gods

reincarnation

the idea that when somebody dies, their spirit comes back to life in a new body

astronomer

a scientist who studies stars, planets and other objects in space

the Big Bang

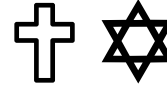
a scientific theory that suggests the universe started as a tiny point and expanded to what it is now – and that it is still expanding

Religious and non-religious worldviews often try to answer 'big questions' about the world.

"How was the world created?"



Views of Creation



Christianity
and Judaism

The Bible and the Torah teach that the world was created in six days and that the seventh day was a rest.



Islam

The Quran teaches that the world was created by Allah in six stages (not days). There was no day of rest as Allah/God is considered as superior to humans and has no need for rest.



Hinduism

In Hinduism, the story of creation is an endless cycle of birth, death, and rebirth.



Buddhism

Buddhism does not have a single creation story like other religions – everything depends on everything else: present events are caused by past events and become the cause of future events. There is a cycle of birth, death and reincarnation.



scientific
theory

The Big Bang theory states that the universe started as a tiny ball of energy and matter that expanded rapidly, forming stars, galaxies and planets – scientists study the universe to find evidence about how it was created.