

Key Knowledge

Christians believe that God created the world, and that Creation is detailed in the book of Genesis in the Bible
The Big Bang is the main theory that explains the origins of the universe – how everything was made, including the stars, the planets, and everything that lives on those planets.
Some Christian scientists see what is written in the book of Genesis in the Bible as a poetic description of how the Earth was created by God and still believe in the Big Bang.
The Sikh scripture, Guru Granth Sahib, declares that the purpose of human beings is to achieve a blissful state and to be in harmony with the earth and all of God's creation.
Sikhs believe that Waheguru created the world and everything in it. They believe in the 'oneness of creation' – that is, Waheguru created the world and is present in every part of creation.
Muslims believe there is only one God, Allah, who created everything.
Although God made humans superior to the rest of creation, Muslims believe that this means humans have been given everything on earth to care for and look after. The world is not ours to do with as we want. The Qur'an teaches that Muslims should be thankful for all living things, for God is the creator of all life.
Hindus believe that the universe that we live in today is not the first or the last and so there are a number of Hindu creation stories.
Buddhism has no creator god to explain the origin of the universe. Instead, it teaches that everything depends on everything else: present events are caused by past events and become the cause of future events.
Christians and Jews share the same beliefs about creation as the Old Testament is part of both holy books (Torah and Bible) and this is where the book of Genesis containing the creation story can be found.

Key Concepts

Should we care about looking after the Earth?
How do creation views vary in a variety of world faiths?
Does holding a religious belief about creation affect the way people behave?
Do people have to believe that God made the world to care about it?

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Does what you believe about creation matter?

Key Vocabulary

Creation	The action or process of bringing something into existence
Belief	An acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof.
Genesis	The first book of the Bible where the Christian creation story can be found.
Big Bang Theory	A common theory of the beginning of the origins of living things.
Evolution	The theory that all the kinds of living things that exist today developed from earlier types.
Universe	The whole of space and everything in it.
Guru Granth Sahib	Holy scriptures of Sikhism
Waheguru	The name most widely used for God by Sikhs is Waheguru , which means 'wondrous enlightener'.
Qu'ran	Islamic holy book.

