

# RE-CREATION AND SCIENCE: CONFLICTING OR COMPLEMENTARY?

## RECAP

The Christian creation story.

Exploring different religion's creation stories.

Christians believe that God is a creator who cares for all of creation, including human beings.

## CRUCIAL KNOWLEDGE

- Some Christians believe that the account of Genesis is literally true.
- Others see it as a poetic account, or an extended metaphor.
- Some see the scientific account as how the universe came into being, while they see religion as 'why'.
- There are many scientists who are Christian.

## EXTENDED KNOWLEDGE

Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account.

## KEY VOCABULARY

Genesis	The first book in the Bible. Its name comes from the opening words, 'In the beginning'.
Creation	The term given to creation of the universe as an act of God.
Scientist	Someone who studies an aspect of science.
Cosmologist	A scientist who uses space-based and ground based telescopes and satellites to study the universe, including planets and black holes.
Complementary	Joining together to make better

Conflicting	Ideas/beliefs that do not agree with each other.
Universe	All of space and time and their contents, including planets, stars, galaxies and all other forms of matter or energy.
Theory	A carefully thought-out explanation for observations of the natural world which brings together facts and hypotheses.
Evolution	The process by which species adapt over time in response to their changing environment