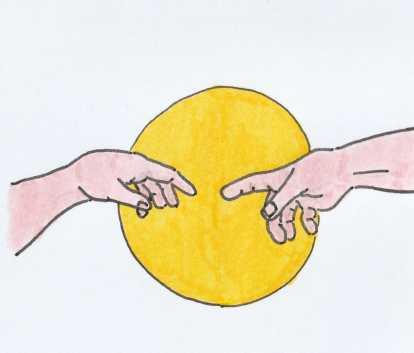


<h1>C</h1>	<h1>CREATION</h1>	<p>What's it all about? Are we made by God, or are we an accident? This clip explores creation stories: are we a designed product of an amazing mind, or a cosmic accident? Jewish, Christian and Islamic creation stories claim that God created the heavens and the earth. These stories suggest that life is full of meaning and we are created from love, for love.</p> <p>Hindus and Sikhs describe the emergence of our universe in different ways, but don't claim certain knowledge.</p> <p>Scientific study shows that the universe was formed after the Big Bang, 15 billion years ago, and the evolution of life on earth over 4.6 billion years has led to the human species, to our own lives.</p> <p>Most religious people today do not think the universe was made in 6 days, as Genesis seemed to claim. They think God is the designer of a scientifically-explained universe, while atheists give accounts of the origin of the universe that don't need a divine power: astrophysics and evolution tell us how we came to be. But the old stories may still be interesting, carrying a message, idea or belief about why we exist at all.</p>				
 <p>Belief in ancient texts and belief in science are sometimes seen as opposites, but for many religious people, the conflict is not real, or not important.</p>						
<p>Which religions and beliefs?</p> <p>Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhi, Buddhism, Atheism</p> <p>Clip available here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks3-a-z-of-religion-and-beliefs-c-is-for-creation-stories/zvfp382</p>	<p>Key Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What different beliefs about our origins come from religious creation stories? • Why are astrophysics and evolutionary biology important in explaining how we came to be? • Is the human race made from love, for love, or are we an almighty accident, a huge slice of cosmic luck? • Do religious scientists have the best of both worlds, believing God is the evolver? 	<p>Classroom or homework task: Three viewpoints: read carefully...</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="683 1086 1485 1541"> <tr> <td data-bbox="683 1086 951 1541"> <p>Creationist: "I am a believer in God, and I think God made the world and everything in it. Genesis talks of 6 'days' but these might be periods of time – each one millions of years. I thank God for our world and our lives. I believe He made us for His own loving purposes."</p> </td> <td data-bbox="951 1086 1219 1541"> <p>Theistic scientist: "I am a scientist and a theist, I believe God is the creator, and the methods God used were the Big Bang and evolution. Genesis is an ancient story, and it is about the purpose of life: we are made to find God! God is like the mind behind the universe."</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1219 1086 1485 1541"> <p>Atheistic scientist: "Science is much better at explaining things in the modern world than religion. The universe began with a 'Big Bang' 15bn years ago, and the earth has evolved to support life over the last 4.6bn years. There is no need to talk about God in explaining this."</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask 5 people at least which of the three statements is closest to their own view. Note what they say. 2. Global Christian leader Pope Francis said he believed in God and the Big Bang in 2014. Is it old fashioned to be a creationist? <p>Suggested outcomes: students can...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Give an informed account of the controversy about whether religion and science are compatible in their views of our origins ▪ Give reasons for their own views about God and the Big Bang ▪ Handle information and ideas effectively by expressing reasons for different points of view. 		<p>Creationist: "I am a believer in God, and I think God made the world and everything in it. Genesis talks of 6 'days' but these might be periods of time – each one millions of years. I thank God for our world and our lives. I believe He made us for His own loving purposes."</p>	<p>Theistic scientist: "I am a scientist and a theist, I believe God is the creator, and the methods God used were the Big Bang and evolution. Genesis is an ancient story, and it is about the purpose of life: we are made to find God! God is like the mind behind the universe."</p>	<p>Atheistic scientist: "Science is much better at explaining things in the modern world than religion. The universe began with a 'Big Bang' 15bn years ago, and the earth has evolved to support life over the last 4.6bn years. There is no need to talk about God in explaining this."</p>
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