



BELIEFS

- Many religions believe in a god or gods.
- Some people believe in god, some do not and others are undecided.
- Some believe Genesis explores why the universe and life exists.
- Others believe Science explores how the universe works the way it does.
- For some people, belief in God is a kind of vague sense that there is some kind of supernatural being; at the other end of the continuum are people for whom the whole of life is a service to God.
- There are many Christians who are scientists, in the fields of cosmology, biology and other disciplines, and find no contradiction between their faith and their science. They see the God of Genesis as giving humans the freedom to explore creation and humanity's place within it.
- Christians believe the World was created in **7 days**:
 - ⇒ the first day - **light** was created
 - ⇒ the second day - the **sky** was created
 - ⇒ the third day - dry **land, seas, plants** and **trees** were created
 - ⇒ the fourth day - the **Sun, Moon** and **stars** were created
 - ⇒ the fifth day - **creatures** that live in the **sea** and creatures that **fly** were created
 - ⇒ the sixth day - **animals** that live on the land and finally humans, made in the image of God were created
 - ⇒ by day seven - God finished his work of creation and **rested**, making the seventh day a special holy day.
- Most scientists believe the world began with a **big bang** (a hot explosion)



TEXTS

- Many religions get their ideas about God from their **holy book**.
- Christians learn about God from the **Bible**.
- **Genesis** is the first book in the Bible and tells the Christian creation story.
- **Genesis** tells how God created the World in 7 days.
- On November 24 1859, **Charles Darwin** published his theory of evolution in his book, '**On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection**'.



INDIVIDUAL DAILY LIFE

- Some people might do very little apart from offer an occasional **prayer**.
- Others might pray, worship God, join a religious community of believers – e.g. go to a **church** or mosque, or try to follow God's teachings throughout their lives.
- Some may choose to work for God 'full-time' in a job as a religious leader (priest, imam, rabbi, youth worker, missionary etc.), trying to share their faith with others.

INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE



- **Charles Darwin** (February 12, 1809, to April 19, 1882) was an English naturalist who changed the way humans viewed themselves and the world around them through his ideas on evolution and natural selection.

Key vocabulary and meanings

***theist** – a person who believes in God

***atheist** – a person who believes there is no god

agnostic – a person who says they don't know or cannot know if there is a god or not, (from Greek theos, god; a-theos – no god; a-gnosis, no knowledge)

Cosmology - a branch of astronomy that involves the origin and evolution of the universe

Creation - the action or process of bringing something into existence

The Big Bang - a large explosion that many scientists believe created the universe

Evolution - the way that living things change over time

The universe - everything we can touch, feel, sense, measure or detect. It includes living things, planets, stars, galaxies, dust clouds, light, and even time. Before the birth of the Universe, time, space and matter did not exist.