



Topic: What do people believe about God and the universe?

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What should I already know?

There are scientific theories about the creation of the universe and development of mankind - you may be able to give some examples (evolution, the 'Big Bang', natural selection).

There are stories from different religions about the creation of the universe - you may know one or more examples from the Bible, Qur'an, Torah or another religious source.

Religious views and scientific views can be compatible.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

I will know how to:

- use religious vocabulary and concepts to explain religious and atheist ideas about origins, evolution and creation in detail and depth
- develop reasoned arguments using evidence and sources to explain why different answers to questions of origin are given by intelligent people
- consider and explain the impact of beliefs about creation, evolution and similar concepts on how people find meaning in their lives
- consider and evaluate arguments about whether science and religion are compatible or incompatible, giving reasons for my own views
- express insightful arguments of my own about questions of origins, science and religion
- engage critically and personally with arguments and evidence for different views about creation, evolution and the meaning of human life
- evaluate the impact of two or more different views about creation and science on how we live our lives

Vocabulary

theist	
atheist	
agnostic	
humanist	
omnipotent	
omnipresent	



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omniscient	
evolution	
'Big Bang'	
teleological	
cosmological	

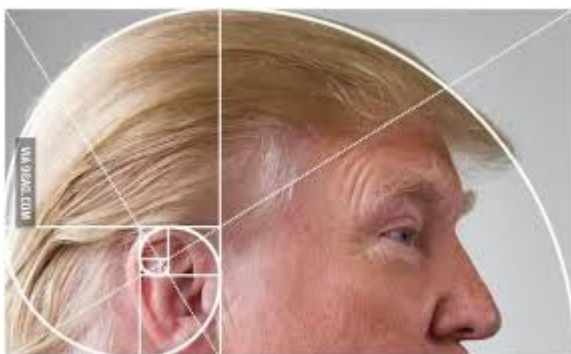
Investigate/Homework tasks

Find out about:

- Paley's watch
- Stephen Hawking's theories on the creation of the universe
- God's fingerprint

How does this sequence link to the images below?

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What do you know about:

- evolution?
- Charles Darwin?



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- natural selection?
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