

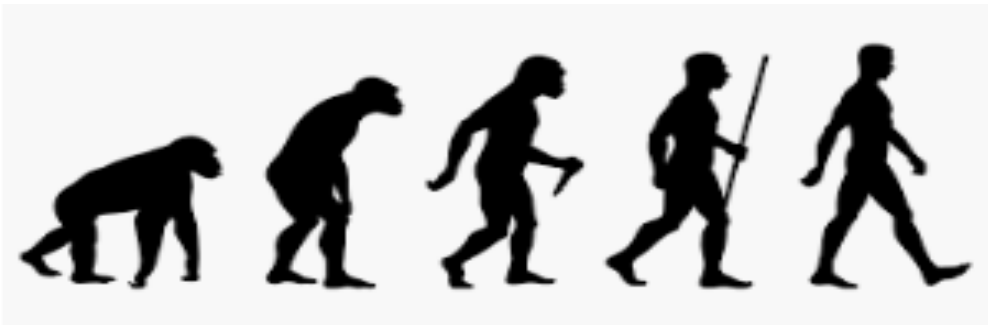
# Key Question: Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?

What should I already know:

- There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts.
- These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts.
- There are many scientists throughout history and now who are Christians.
- The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator.



Key Vocabulary:	
God	Who Christians believe is the creator and ruler of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being.
Creation	The action or process of bringing something into existence.
Universe	All existing matter and space.
Evolution	The process by which living things have developed from earlier forms during their time on earth.
Interpret	To explain/understand the meaning of something.
Conflict	To be in disagreement with something
Complementary	An idea or thinking that enhances another.
Scientists	A person who is studying or has expert knowledge of one or more of the natural or physical sciences.
Literally	The words mean exactly what they say.



The evolution of man

<p>On the 1st day God created day light. He said "let there be light" and there was light.</p>	<p>On the 2nd day God created the earth. He then put a vast blue sky to complete it.</p>	<p>On the 3rd day God added dry land, wet land, plants, trees and grass.</p>
<p>On the 4th day God thought he should add a light for day and a moon for night.</p>	<p>On the 5th day God added animals. He made fish in the see and birds in the sky, he was very happy</p>	<p>On the 6th day God created land animals and humans. The next day he rested and was proud of his work</p>

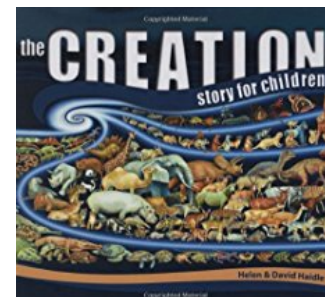
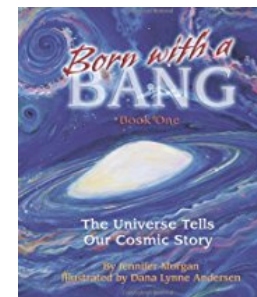
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Christian Creation story

# Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?

(links to 1.2 and L2.1)

- Jews and Christians believe that God created the world.
- Genesis 1:1-2:3 is an ancient text that was written over 2,500 years ago.
- Some Christians believe that the story of creation is a literal account whilst others believe that it is more of a description of what God and creation are like.
- Literal understanding can lead to conflict with science.
- Some Christians believe that creation and science can be complementary.



Books to support this unit