

Creation and Science: Conflicting or complimentary?

cosmology

Beginning of the universe.

evolution

The development of living beings.

conflict.

In opposition; a struggle.

complimentary

Fits well together; praises one another.

There is much debate between the accounts of creation in Genesis and scientific accounts.

These debates relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts.

There are many scientists throughout history, and now, who are Christians

Some Christians believe Genesis is literally true.

Anglican and Roman Catholic churches have accepted evolution.

Some Christians believe Genesis is a poetic account of an amazing Creator and Creation.

Many Christians believe Science answers the 'how' and religion the 'why'.

Outcomes

- Identify what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is, and its purpose
- Taking account of the context, suggest what Genesis 1 might mean, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different interpretations
- Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator
- Show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together
- Identify key ideas arising from their study of Genesis 1 and comment on how far these are helpful or inspiring, justifying their responses
- Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account, giving good reasons for their views