

1. Which of the following books includes the creation story? [1 mark]
A) Genesis B) Exodus C) Leviticus D) Deuteronomy
2. Give two stages of creation. [2 marks]
light & dark/ sky & sea/ land & sea/ sun, moon, stars/ fish & birds/ animals & humans/ rest
3. Explain two different interpretations of the creation story. [4 marks]
Fundamentalist Christians > literal interpretation > six 24-hour days
Liberal Christians > poetic/ metaphorical interpretation > a story to learn from, not a scientific account
4. Explain two significant elements of the account of creation in the Bible. [5 marks]
“and God said, “let there be...” > God creates ex nihilo > through his word
God said “it was good” > creation was made by God and was good before the fall
Humans were made “in the image of God” > they are separate and more special than other animals

5. 'You cannot believe the creation story and the Big Bang theory.'

[12 marks]

Some Christians agree:

Belief in a six-day process and a multi-million year process are clearly incompatible. You cannot believe in the Big Bang theory and have a *literal* interpretation of Genesis 1.

In Genesis, God makes things out of nothing, *ex nihilo*, this is impossible. There is great scientific evidence for the Big Bang Theory

Some Christians disagree:

Most Christians do not take a literal reading of Genesis 1 because it is written like a simplistic poem therefore a belief in the creation of the universe by God and the Big Bang theory are totally compatible

One of the biggest supporters of the Big Bang theory when it was first devised was the Pope

Fundamentalist Christians would have no problem accepting both because God is omnipotent and mysterious and the laws of nature can be manipulated by him

Many Christians think that the Big Bang was God's method of creating the universe