

Year 7 RE Unit 1 – Creation and Covenant

Creation:

Bringing something into existence.

Creationism:

The belief that the world was created exactly as it says in the Bible.

Special revelation:

Knowledge of God revealed through the Bible and the teachings of the Church.

Imago Dei:

Latin for 'in the image of God'. This means that humans reflect God's nature.

Literary form:

Different types of writing. For example poetry and letters.

Literal sense:

Reading the Bible taking into account the author, the time it was written and the literary form.

General revelation:

Knowledge of God revealed through human reason, experience and the created world.

Revelation:

The way in which God makes himself known to human beings.

Scientism:

The belief that science has all the answers.

Stewardship:

The duty to care for something.



Then God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion...'

Subsidiarity

Decisions should not be taken at the highest levels, but by people who are most affected.

Common good

The aim of working together to improve society for all people.

Solidarity

Unity of feeling or action between people

Dignity of the human person

The belief that every person is precious because they are made in God's image.



Why is the story of creation important to Catholics?

- It shows us that God is the **Creator** of the world.
- It reminds us that **God is omnipotent (all powerful)**.
- It shows **God's love** for us (**Omnibenevolent**).
- It teaches us why we should **look after the world**, we call this **stewardship**.
- It explains why **Sunday** is our day of rest.
- **We know** how the world was made.

Catholics believe...

- The creation stories are the word of God, they teach us about God and humans but *don't* give us a factual explanation of how God created the universe.
- Science teaches them the details about how the world came to be but science doesn't have all the answers.
- The Church *does not* question what scientists believe about the Big Bang as they believe both are possible.
- The Church *does not* teach humans were made exactly on the 6th day and except evolution is how God created humans.
- However they *do not* believe this happened by chance. They believe each person is given a soul and called by God into a relationship with him.



Scientific theories about creation

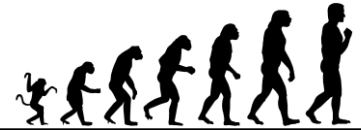


The Big bang theory

Edwin Hubble said that the universe began from a violent explosion that came from a single point.

It suggests the universe began by chance, it was not planned or ordered so some people say there is no need to say God created it.

The theory of evolution



In 1859 Charles Darwin came up with the theory of natural selection

It was discovered that some animals had different characteristics e.g. shape of beak. This happened by accident but benefitted them.



Evaluate

"Artwork helps Catholics to understand creation"



- The creation of Adam shows God is eternal, powerful and that we are made in the image of God.
- Artwork can help children to understand creation more.
- Artwork is easier to understand than reading the Bible.
- Artwork can make the creation story more up to date.

- Artwork can distract you from the Bible story.
- Artwork can be interpreted in the wrong way.
- Artwork is sometimes difficult to understand.
- If you don't understand creation you would be better talking to a priest than looking at art.