

Creation stories year 3

Christians, Jews and Muslims believe that the world and everything in it was planned and created by God. They believe the world was created in 6 days.

Day 1 - God created light and separated the light from the darkness.

Day 2 - God created the sky.

Day 3 - God created the dry ground and gathered the waters, calling the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters "seas." On day three, God also created vegetation (plants and trees).

Day 4 - God created the sun, moon, and the stars to give light to the earth and to govern and separate the day and the night.

Day 5 - God created every living creature of the seas and every winged bird.

Day 6 - God created the animals to fill the earth. On day six, God also created man and woman (Adam and Eve) in his own image. He blessed them and gave them every creature and the whole earth to rule over and care for.

Day 7 - God had finished his work of creation and rested.



Hindu Creation Story: Before time began there was no heaven, no earth and no space between. A vast dark ocean washed upon the shores of nothingness and licked the edges of night. A giant cobra floated on the waters. Asleep within its endless coils lay the Lord Vishnu. Everything was so peaceful and silent that Vishnu slept undisturbed. From the depths a humming sound began to tremble, Om. It grew and spread, filling the emptiness and throbbing with energy. Vishnu awoke and from Vishnu's navel grew a magnificent lotus flower. In the middle of the blossom sat Vishnu's servant, Brahma. Vishnu spoke 'It is time to begin, 'create the world.'

Vishnu and the serpent vanished. Brahma remained in the lotus flower, floating on the sea. Brahma split the lotus flower into three. He stretched one part into the heavens. He made another part into the earth. With the third part of the flower he created the skies.

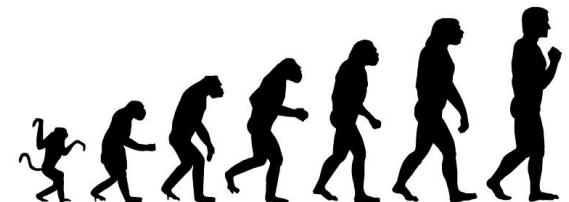
The earth was bare. Brahma set to work. He created grass, flowers, trees and plants of all kinds. Next he created the animals and the insects to live on the land. He made birds to fly in the air and many fish to swim in the sea. To all these creatures, he gave the senses of touch and smell. He gave them power to see, hear and move.

The world was soon bristling with life and the air was filled with the sounds of Brahma's creation. Brahma is known as the creator of life. Vishnu is the preserver or maintainer.

Scientific Creation Story

Scientists believe the Universe began in a Big Bang (huge explosion) about 14 billion years ago. At that time, the entire Universe was inside a bubble that was thousands of times smaller than a pin-head. It was hotter and denser than anything we can imagine. Then it suddenly exploded. The Universe that we know was born. Time, space and matter all began with the Big Bang.

In a fraction of a second, the Universe grew from smaller than a single atom to bigger than a galaxy. As the Universe expanded and cooled, energy changed into particles of matter, forming hydrogen and eventually stars. Scientists also believe that life on Earth has developed over millions of years and humans are here as a result of a process of evolution.



Key vocabulary

Genesis	Origin or formation. A chapter in the Christian bible	creation	To make or create something, to bring something into existence
conflict	Disagreement, argument	theory	An idea that needs to be proven
evolution	Development, change and adaptation of living things over a long period of time	maintain	To keep
scientist	Someone who studies science (the world around us)	preserve	To keep, to make something last
creationist	Someone who believes in a religious Creation Theory	Om/Aum	The first sound Hindus believe was heard.