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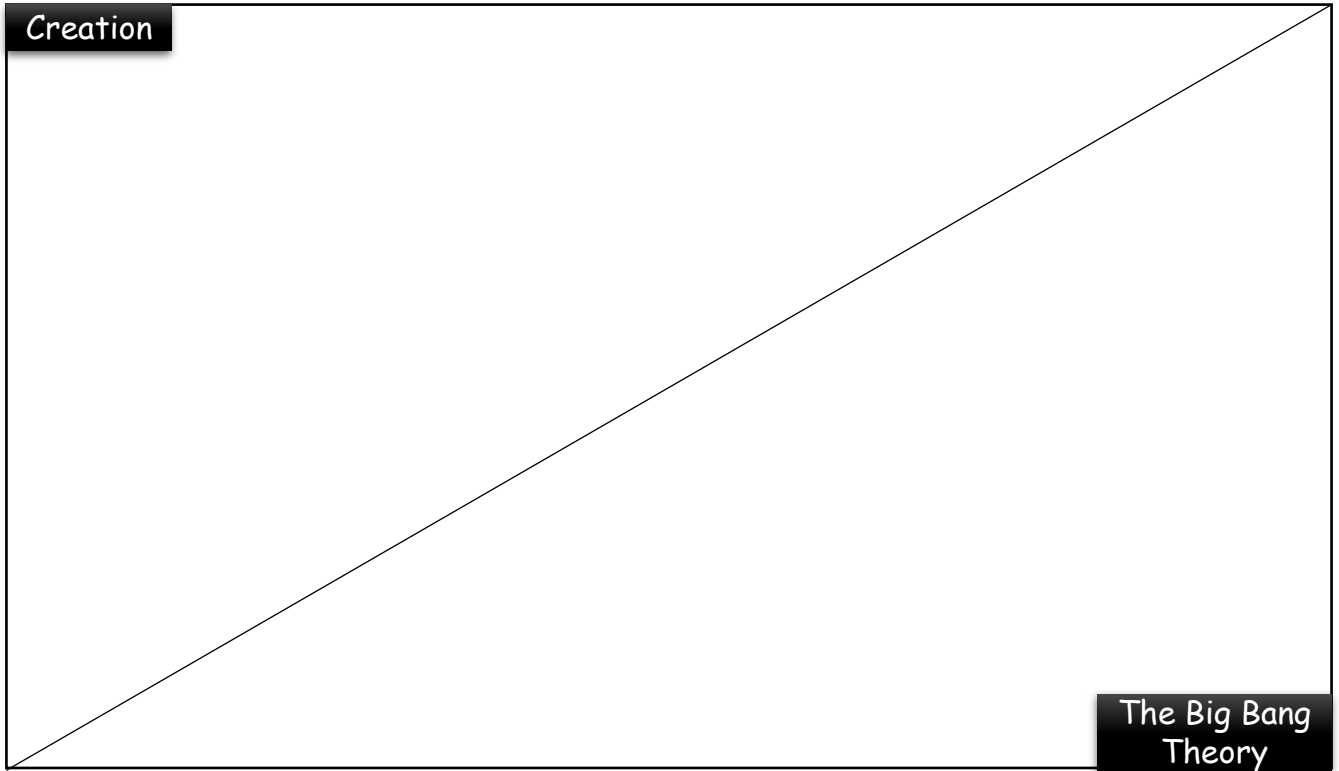
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***GCSE RE Homework booklet  
Thematic Studies  
Theme B- Religion and life.***

# The origins of the universe

Transform the religious teaching on the origins of the universe into one box and the scientific theory into another.



Explain what the different beliefs are between fundamental and liberal Christians on the origins of the universe

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# The use and the abuse of the environment

**Research a COP 26 and find out the following:**

- Organised by:

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- Aim:

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- Actions they will take:
- \_\_\_\_\_
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- Any extra information
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**Research The Assisi and Ohio meetings and find out the following:**

- Organised by:
- \_\_\_\_\_

- Aim:

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- Actions they will take:
- \_\_\_\_\_
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- Any extra information
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# Pollution

# The use and abuse of animals

Traditional Christian thinking on animals is often inspired by a literal understanding of this scripture. It holds that animals are for the use of human beings; they do not have souls or the ability to reason. Owing to this, there are few, if any, formal restrictions on how Christians should treat animals. This had led some people to criticise Christianity as ignoring animal rights and being 'human-centric'. Despite this, there have always been Christians who have treated human beings well. The most famous example of this is Saint Francis of Assisi. This 12th-century monk famously preached to the birds. His treatment of animals has inspired many Christians to be in favour of animal rights. The traditional Christian view described above is no longer widely-held by Christians. The growth of the animal rights movement in the 20th century influenced many Christians; most denominations now support animal rights in some form. The Catholic Church, for example, forbids any action which causes unnecessary harm to an animal.

Modern Christians may make a number of arguments for showing kindness to animals. Firstly, many Christians now interpret the passage at the top of this page less literally. Rather than seeing humans as having dominion over the Earth, they believe we are the stewards of God's creation. This means we should treat the world, and the animals in it, with care and kindness. Further, Christians believe that the central message of their religion is one of love. Treating animals cruelly or indifferently, therefore, is incompatible with the teachings of Jesus and the idea of an all-loving God.

**What does the book of *Genesis* say about animals?**

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**What is the traditional Christian view of animals?**

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**Who was Francis of Assisi?**

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**How have Christian views changed in the modern world?**

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**Why are modern Christians in favour of being compassionate to animals?**

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# The origins of human life

## Exam Question

*'Science and religion are answering different questions so you can believe both accounts'*

Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:

- refer to Christian teaching
- give developed arguments to support this statement
- give developed arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

Fill in the sheet which break downs the 12 mark question.

Reasons to **support** this statement:

Point 1 -

Point 2 -

Reasons **against** this statement:

Point 1-

Point 2 -

Overall, I think...

Religious teaching to support:

Religious teaching to support:

# Abortion

Dear Annie,

I have found myself in a situation with no one to talk to. I'm scared to tell my parents that I am 2 months pregnant. They are Catholic and I'm afraid of what they might say.

I told my boyfriend and now he will no longer speak to me. What do I do? Is there someone I can talk to? somewhere I can go?

Yours sincerely,  
Sarah

**Read the letter- What advice would a Christian give?**

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**What advice would an atheist give?**

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**Exam question:**

Explain two contrasting beliefs about abortion. (5 marks)

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