

WHAT DO CREATION STORIES TEACH US ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

🔑 Key Vocabulary

- **Omnipotent:** All-powerful. The belief that God can create things simply by speaking them into existence.
- **Genesis:** The first book of the Christian Bible, containing the account of the 7 days of creation.
- **Tawhid:** The absolute oneness and perfection of Allah in Islam.
- **Stewardship:** The Christian duty to care for, protect, and look after the Earth on behalf of God.
- **Khalifa:** The Islamic concept of humans acting as trustees or guardians of Allah's perfectly balanced creation.

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." - [Genesis 1:3](#)

CHRISTIANITY

THE CHRISTIAN CREATION STORY

Core Fact: Christians believe God created the universe out of nothing over a period of time.

Big Idea: God created humans "in His own image" and rested on the 7th day, declaring His creation "very good"



LITERAL LENS	SCIENTIFIC LENS
Text is read as a direct, accurate historical text.	Text is read as a poetic metaphor or theological statement.
Creation happened in literal 24-hour days.	Creation happened over billions of years via deep time.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." - **Genesis 2:15**

STEWARDSHIP

THE ISLAMIC CREATION STORY

Core Fact: Allah created the heavens and the Earth, but explicitly does not experience fatigue or need rest.

Big Idea: Creation shows Allah's absolute power and oneness (**Tawhid**). Nature is perfectly designed and balanced.

COMPARING THE STORIES

Similarity: Both faiths believe God is **omnipotent** (all-powerful) and the ultimate architect of the universe.

Difference: The Christian account includes a specific day of rest (Sabbath). The Islamic account states that Allah never tires or rests.



"He created the heavens and earth in truth... He has subjected the sun and the moon, each running its course for a specified term

THE QUR'AN