

Key Vocabulary	
creation	The act or process of bringing something into existence.
creation story	A story that explains how the Earth and humans came into existence.
Judeo-Christian	Aspects of Judaism and Christianity that are grouped together because of similarities.
Old Testament	The first part of the Bible containing stories and writings from before the birth of Jesus.
Abrahamic religions	This is what Judaism, Christianity and Islam are collectively known as. They all trace their common origin to Abraham.
Islamic	Relating to Islam, one of the world's main religions.



Judeo-Christian

There are many aspects of Judaism and Christianity that are the same in both religions:

Christianity originated from Judaism and Jesus was Jewish. Christianity as a religion, began after Jesus' death. The **Old Testament** contains 24 books of the Jewish Tanakh (Jewish Holy Texts) and other, additional books.

Genesis

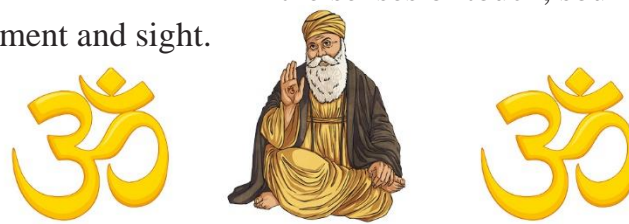
Genesis is the first book of the Bible and the first book of the Torah (part of the Tanakh). It contains the **Judeo-Christian creation story**.

Judeo-Christian Creation Story	Abrahamic Religions	The Islamic Creation Story
<p>In this story, God created the world in six days. On the seventh day, God rested.</p> 	<p>The Abrahamic religions have these common beliefs: God revealed himself to Abraham. There is only one God. Their holy books contain many of the same people, places and histories.</p>	<p>In this story, Allah created the world and the heavens, creatures, vegetation and man. There are similarities between the Islamic creation story and the Judeo-Christian one.</p> 

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Brahma	The first god in the Hindu Trimurti .
Trimurti	The three Hindu gods who are responsible for the creation , care and destruction of the world: Brahma , Vishnu and Shiva.
Guru Granth Sahib	The Sikh holy book.
Ex nihilo	The world is created from nothing.
Creation from chaos	The world is created by bringing order from disorder.
World parents	The world is created from a world parent or parents.
Emergence	Humans emerge from another world or are born into a new world.
Earth-diver	Material is retrieved from under water and is used to create land.


Hindu Creation Story


In one story of the creation of the universe, Vishnu commanded **Brahma** to create the world. **Brahma** created the heavens, earth and sky using a lotus flower. He then created animals, plants and trees and gave the animals the senses of touch, sound, movement and sight.



Buddhism

Buddhists do not believe in God, so there is no **creation story** in Buddhism.



Sikh Ideas About Creation	Non-Religious Creation Stories	The Five Types of Creation Story
<p>In the Guru Granth Sahib, creation is described, but there is no creation story as such. There is no sequence of events. It does not mention the time it took to create the world.</p> 	<p>There are many belief systems and societies that have their own stories and myths about creation. Some of these are written down, others are passed on through an oral storytelling tradition.</p>	<p>There are five different types of creation stories and myths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex nihilo Creation from chaos World parents Emergence Earth-diver 