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Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

What does Genesis I mean?

We read Genesis I and interpreted what it meant to us and what it may mean to some Christians. We compared it to evolution and cosmology to see if there was any similarities and differences. We then ask lots of questions about the beginning of life and thought how it could be answered by either Genesis I or science.

Why doesn't Genesis mention dinosaurs? Why is the universe here? Does my life have a meaning? Was this story written to explain to believers why the world is beautiful or that God is good?

We then drew our own pictures about how we saw how life began.



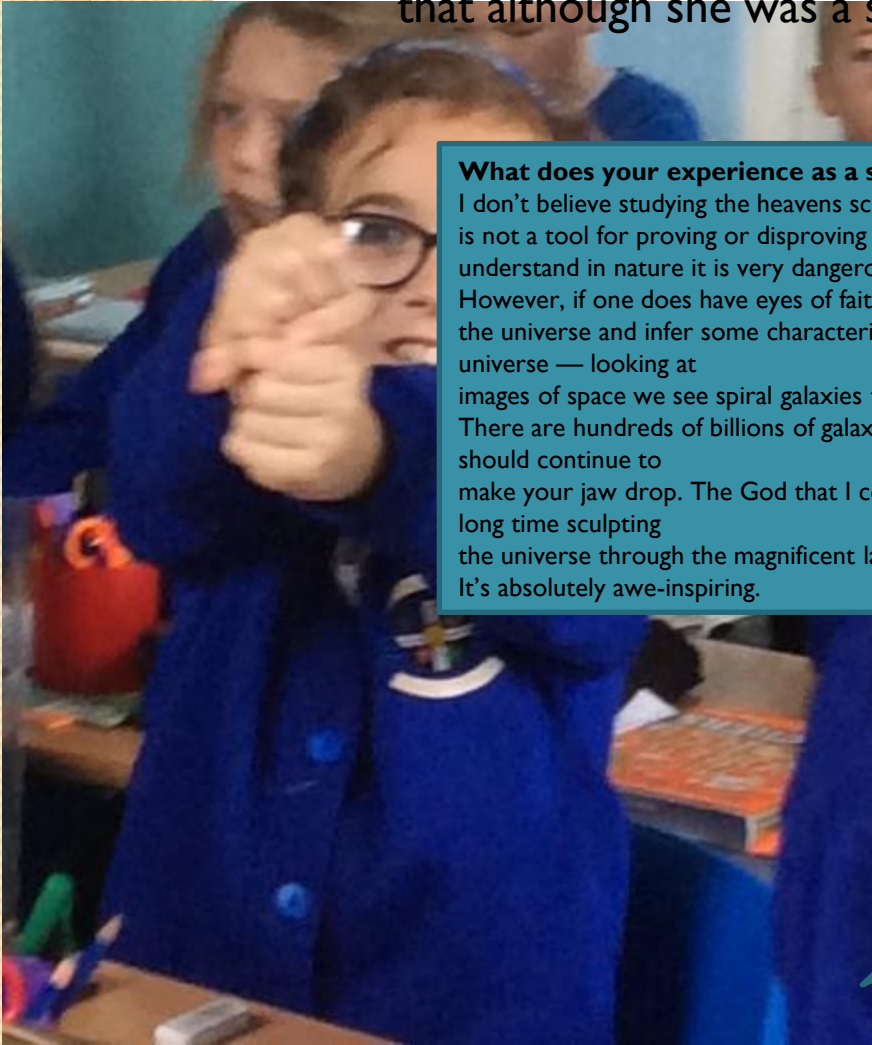
I understand why many Christians' find science and faith go together.

- We watched an interview with a Scientist – Dr Jennifer Wiseman and saw that although she was a scientist she was also a Christian.

What does your experience as a space explorer teach you about God?

I don't believe studying the heavens scientifically will prove the existence of God. Science is not a tool for proving or disproving God. In fact, when there are things that we don't understand in nature it is very dangerous to say that this is evidence of God. However, if one does have eyes of faith, one can look at some of the things we see in the universe and infer some characteristics of God. We see unbelievable beauty in the universe — looking at images of space we see spiral galaxies that are awesome in their symmetry and brilliance. There are hundreds of billions of galaxies and hundreds of billions of stars in each galaxy. It should continue to make your jaw drop. The God that I continue to believe in has been working for an awfully long time sculpting the universe through the magnificent laws and dynamics of nature. It's absolutely awe-inspiring.

We thought of questions we could ask her and in role play thought of how we think she may have answered them?

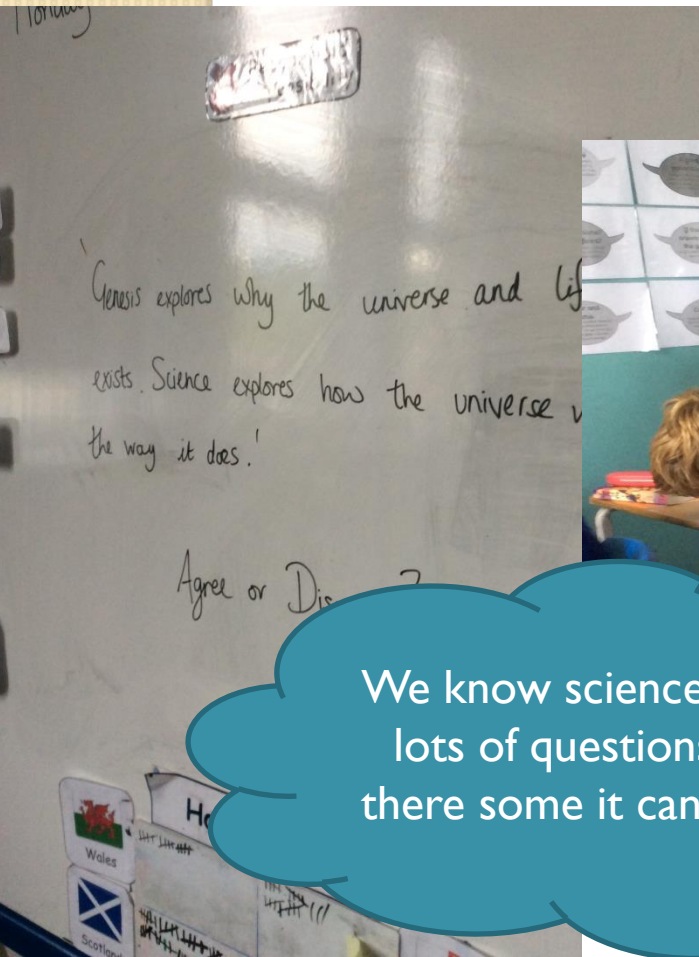


Does Genesis 1 help to inspire Christians to care for the Earth and to worship God?



'Genesis explores why the universe and life exists. Science explores how the universe works the way it does'

We came up with lots of questions that could be answered by only science, only religion or both ready for next week.



We know science can answer lots of questions – but are there some it cannot answer?

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We used our questions from last week and sorted them into a Venn diagram – what can be answered by science or religion or both. We then discussed them and tried to answer them with our own world views and scientific knowledge. We came to the conclusion as a class that science and creation can be complementary as we learn new things everyday.

What we did in LKS2: Placed the concepts of God and Creation on a timeline of the Bible's 'big story'. Made clear links between Genesis 1 and what Christians believe about God and Creation. Described how and why Christians might pray to God, say sorry and ask for forgiveness



Knowledge within Christianity

Some Christians do believe that the text of the creation story is literally true — the earth is only a few thousand years old, God created it in six days of 24 hours

Some Christians see the creation story as communicating a message about the nature of God the Creator rather than the mechanism of creation.

Some Christians believe that science addresses how questions about the universe, its origins and mechanisms, whereas religion — in this case, Christian belief in a Creator — addresses why questions: why is there a universe at all? Why do humans matter?

Skills

The ability to debate issues of religious significance with reference to evidence and argument

The ability to consider the thoughts, feelings, experiences, attitudes, beliefs and values of other

Exciting Books



Our Endpoint

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Subject Specific Vocabulary

Genesis	The first chapter in the Christian bible
Conflicting	Incompatible or contradictory
Complementary	forming a satisfactory or balanced whole, in this case - different viewpoints coming together
Creation	The making of something
Cosmology	the study of the origins of the universe
Evolution	how life developed from simple origins

Cultural Capital • To learn the how different religions believe the universe was created. • The real life skills developed will be the acceptance of those with different beliefs as a result of greater understanding.