## How did it all begin?

**World view** - A person’s world view is the way they see and understand the world, especially regarding issues such as politics, philosophy, and religion.

**Ultimate questions** - The actual inquiry behind the ultimate answer to life, the universe and everything (the big questions about life and existence).

**Truths** - There are different types of truth e.g. historical, moral, scientific and religious truth.

**Awe** - feeling of wonder and amazement.

**Inspire** - create a feeling, especially a positive one in a person.

**Humanist** - a philosophical stance that emphasizes the value of human beings.

### Intelligent design

- **Intelligent design** - the theory that life, or the universe, cannot have arisen by chance and was designed and created by some intelligent entity.
- **Design theory** - theory that the universe needs a designer.
- **Christians** believe the universe was created orderly by God so must have a designer!
- **The Watch Maker analogy** - claims that if a watch needs a watch maker because it is so complex and intricate, surely the universe too requires a intelligent designer maker who must be God.
- **Sir Isaac Newton** - He argued the thumb print alone was the only evidence he needed to be convinced there is a designer God.

### Worldviews - religious cosmologies

- **Cosmology** - the study of the origins of the universe.
- **Bible** — the Christian Holy Book.
- **Creation** - the creating of the universe, especially when regarded as an act of God.
- **Genesis** - the first book in the Bible.
- **Qur’an** - the Muslim Holy Book.
- **Sanctity of life** - Many religions believe that life is sacred because God created it, including Islam and Christianity.
- **Christians & Muslims believe** that all life is sacred, and precious as taught in their Holy Books.

### What does Genesis reveal?

All Christians believe the creation stories reveal God is the creator and it reveals he is omnipotent, omniscient and benevolent.

- The first day - light was created.
- The second day - the sky was created.
- The third day - dry land, seas, plants and trees were created.
- The fourth day - the Sun, Moon and stars were created.
- The fifth day - creatures that live in the sea and creatures that fly were created.
- The sixth day - animals that live on the land and finally humans, made in the image of God were created.
- By day seven - God finished his work of creation and rested, making the seventh day a special holy day.

### Worldviews - atheist views on cosmology

- **Big Bang** - Approximately 15 billion years ago, scientists believe, the universe began under conditions of extreme heat, all the matter and energy that make up the universe spread out to create space.
- **Evolution** - the change in characteristics of a species over time.
- **Chance** - something by accident or without design.