

# Origins of the Universe: Science & Religion

## Cheatsheet

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<p><b>The Big Bang Theory</b></p> <p>The Big Bang Theory says that the universe began around 13.8 billion years ago as an explosion of high-density matter and energy.</p> <p>Everything in the universe was formed by the matter from the explosion. Stars and planets formed first.</p> <p>Supporters of this theory say the universe still seems to be expanding and we can detect background radiation left over from the Big Bang.</p>	<p><b>Genesis 1</b></p> <p>Genesis 1:1-2:3 explains how God created the universe over six days and then rested on the seventh. It stresses that God created humans in his image (Genesis 1:27).</p> <p>This account shows God creating by speaking, for example: "Let there be light," and "there was light". (Genesis 1:3 NIV).</p> <p><b>Genesis 2</b></p> <p>Genesis 2:4-2:25 explains how God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him.</p> <p>He creates animals as companions for man, but none are suitable. Finally, God creates woman from one of the man's rib bones.</p> <p>Some Christians believe these chapters are literal, but others believe they are more symbolic.</p>

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In Genesis 2:4-2:25, God creates woman from what?	One of the man's rib bones.



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