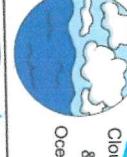
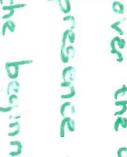


Christian Beliefs about Creation

	1 Light & Dark
	2 Clouds & Oceans
	3 Sun, Moon, & Stars
	4 Land, Plants, & Trees 5 Fish & Birds
	6 Man & Animals 7 God Rested

Literal Interpretations - the story is literally true. God created the world in 7 days (24 hours)

Liberal Interpretations - the story is metaphorical (holds symbolic truth). God could have created the Big Bang.

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• Dominion - control over something

• Stewardship - managing resources in a responsible way

Role of the Spirit in Creation

'the spirit of God' hovering over the waters. Suggests the experts believe 'The Word' is referring to God the Son

the beginning of creation.

Influences of the Creation Story today...



• Literal readings - hard to trust science.



• If people see God as the devil in disguise.

• Metaphorical readings can see science as religion complimenting themselves.



• Other may feel they need to look after it on behalf of God (stewardship)

Sin

Sin is an action or thought that is against God's will.

• Sinful thoughts can lead to sinful actions.

• All humans sin - no one is perfect.

• Consequences of sin - death & hell unless they are confessed and forgiveness is asked for.

Adam & Eve: 'The Fall'

Original Sin - human beings are born with an in-built tendency to do wrong.



Literal Interpretations

• The story is 100% true.

• The snake was the devil in disguise.

• It is the devil who tempts people to do wrong.

• The was the beginning of man's fall (separating from God).

Liberal Interpretations

• Teaches Christians the God gave humans free will.

• If sinful actions chosen they will be separated from God & punishment served.

• Good actions are rewarded.

• More a moral teaching.