Evidence: facts that indicate whether somethings is true or not.

Theory: A hypothesis which explains facts that are accepted or well tested.

Historic truth: Something we know happened, because of documents etc.

Scientific truth: Something we discover to be consistently true.

Absolute truth: A truth that is always the same

Evolving truth: A ‘truth’ that

Creationism: the idea that God created us.

Fundamentalist view: the idea that it literally happened 6000 years ago in 6 days with a nap on the 7th.

Non literal view: the idea that God created over millions/ billions of years and genesis is just a metaphor.

The cosmological revolution: A series of discoveries about the universe/ solar system which challenged some religious beliefs about God’s role in creation.


Tycho Brahe: Proposed the idea that space was not unchanging. Persecuted by Christian Danish king.

Nicolas Copernicus: Proposed the idea of a heliocentric universe

Galileo Galilei: Backed up Copernicus. Faced backlash from Vatican. Was only apologised to recently.

John Polkinghorne: Anglican priest and theoretical physicist. Believes religion and science are essential for one another.

Authority: someone who has the power or right to be believed and obeyed.

God of the gaps: the idea that God is used as a catchall explanation for things we don’t know enough about.