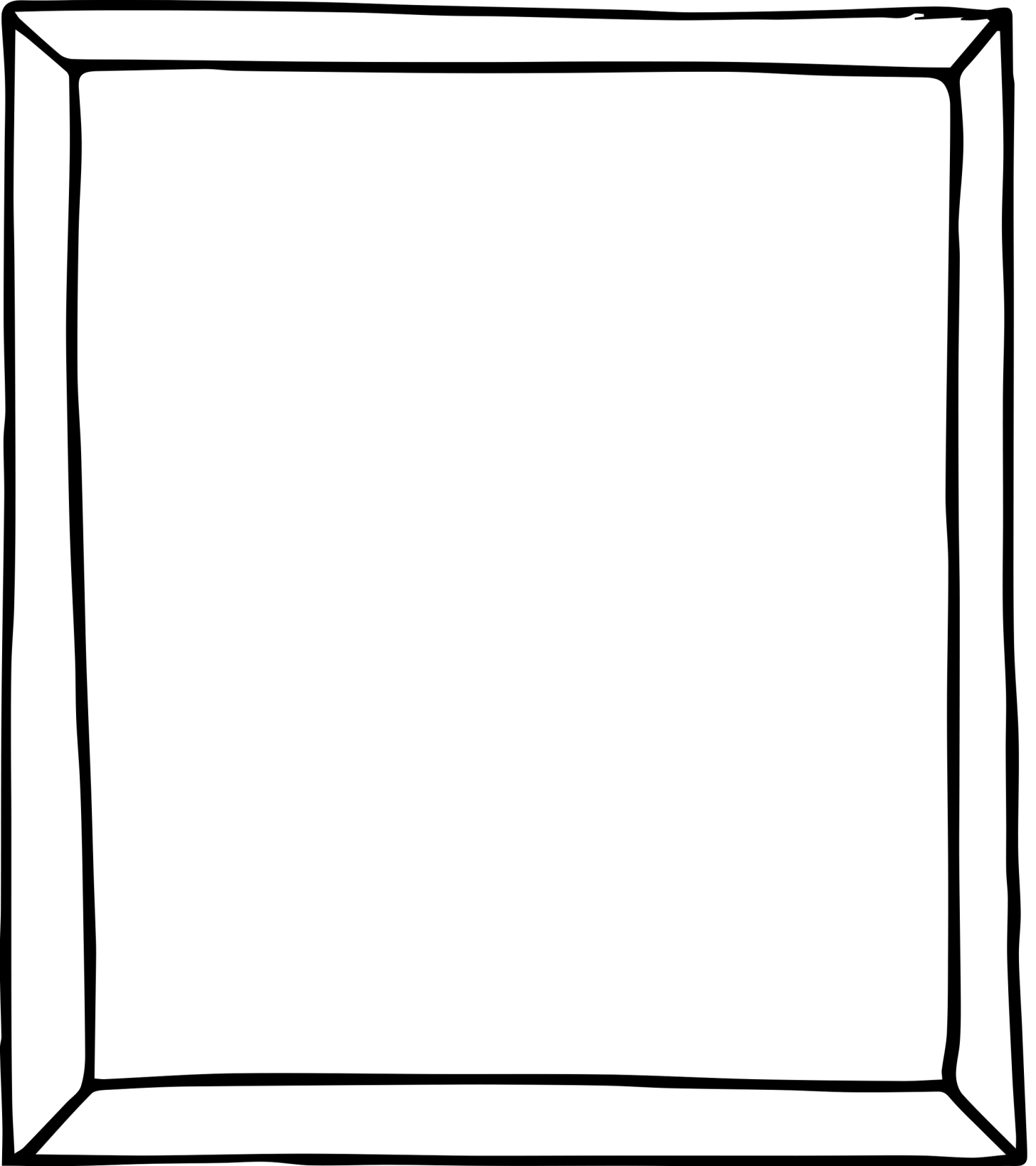


# God of All Creation



# SCIENCE AND GOD

## More Big Questions

### **Can Christians believe in evolution?**

Great question! First, what is evolution? It's the idea that biological characteristics of a species change over generations. The process by which God created the world could also be described as evolution. We read in Genesis that God created the world in six days. Some people believe these were six actual days, while others believe they were meant to represent a process. So, instead of six days like you and I know, they represent various parts of creation. If God created in segments of time or used a process to create, then evolution fits with the Christian belief system. This idea even has a name: theistic evolution.

### **Can Christians believe in the Big Bang?**

The Big Bang is an idea about how the universe started. It does not include a creator or anything other than pre-existing forces. The Bible shares why God created the world: out of his love. Science attempts to tell us how. The Bible wasn't written as a science book, and science books don't usually try to explain God. However, they can help explain God's amazing creation. When it comes to the Big Bang, God could have started things that way if he chose to. Why not? However, unlike many people who hold to the idea of the Big Bang, we believe God is the creator.

### **Where do dinosaurs fit in?**

Here's the honest answer: no one really knows! However, we can consider a couple different viewpoints. One is that creation was a process that took place over many millions of years, and dinosaurs existed way before people. Mentions in the Bible of creatures that sound kind of like dinosaurs were just big whales and other exaggerated creatures. Another idea is that there are sea monsters, large serpents, and dragons in the Bible, which means something like dinosaurs were on earth at the same time as people. So, what do you think? Look up references to the behemoth and the leviathan. These are two creatures mentioned in the Bible, but people aren't completely sure what they were.

### **Why bother reading Genesis 1 if we're not sure it's true?**

Whoa, whoa, whoa! Just because Genesis 1 doesn't necessarily tell history the way we do now, that doesn't mean it's not true. Genesis 1 explains and shares the following truths: God created everything. It was good. God was pleased. The intent of Genesis 1 was never to explain the scientific processes of creation.

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