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| **Origins of the UNIVERSE** | | |
| **Non-Religious** | **Creationist Christians** | **Liberal Christians** |
| Big Bang Theory: Georges Lemaitre (1927) We are here by chance. // Cosmic explosion which happened 13.7 billion years ago // Evidence found as heat can still be detected from initial explosion | Reject science as only God is omnipotent to have created the universe. // Breaks the sanctity of life. // Science is always changing so cannot trust ‘scientific evidence’ e.g. once thought the world was flat. // Evidence found in the Bible. It has ultimate authority as it is the word of God. Genesis details 7 day creation story ‘God said let there be light’ | Accept both beliefs – God could be the cause of the Big Bang Theory. ‘Let there be light’. BBT is compatible with the Bible. // Lemaitre was a Catholic priest so thought his theory did not challenge the belief in God. // Science explains how and religion explains why. The Bible is a metaphor not factual. |

