

EVOLUTION

- The theories of evolution and the Big Bang are compatible with the Catholic Church's teaching, Pope Francis said.
- God was responsible for the big Bang, from which all life then evolved, but stressed that God is not 'a magician with a magic wand'.
- He created human beings and let them develop according to the laws of nature that he gave to each one so they would evolve and reach their fulfilment'.
- The beginning of the world was not an accidental work of chaos but created purposely from a principle of love. The competing beliefs in creation and

evolution could co-exist.

- God is the creator who brought everything to live. Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve.
- The big bang happened about 13 billion years ago.
- Catholics believe that the soul was created by God.
- Our blood is red because it contains iron, which was created by the explosion of a star millions and millions of years ago. Out of God's creation came evolution.

