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Can you correctly answer this question?

Q. Creation means (a) God made everything out of nothing; (b) God made everything out of unformed plasmatic matter; (c) God made everything out of empty space; (d) God set the universe in motion and then withdrew; (e) none of the above.

The answer is (a). Creation refers to God's making everything without pre-existing things of any sort. Things are literally made out of "no thing", or nothing. Plasmatic (unformed, chaotic) matter is still a thing; empty space is still a "thing" (an empty thing, but a thing).