



# Christian Apologetics

## Session 3: Existence of God (Part 1)

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## Big Idea

The universe in which we live  
was created by a  
**Transcendent,**  
**First Cause**



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## Kamal Cosmological Argument

Universe had a **beginning**.

**Something** that begins to exist has a **cause**.

**Something** cannot come from **nothing**.



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## Kamal Cosmological Argument

PREMISE 1:

Universe had a **beginning**.



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## Empirical Observation

(Key Verse)

“They know the **truth about God** because he has made it **obvious** to them. For ever since the world was created, people have **seen** the earth and the sky. Through everything God made, they can **clearly see** his invisible qualities—his **eternal power** and **divine nature**.”

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT)



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## Empirical Observation

(Key Verse)

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens **proclaim** the glory of God.  
The skies **display** his craftsmanship.
- <sup>2</sup> Day after day they continue to **speak**;  
night after night they **make** him **known**.
- <sup>3</sup> They **speak** without a **sound** or **word**;  
their **voice** is **never heard**.
- <sup>4</sup> Yet their **message** has gone throughout the  
earth, and their **words** to all the world.”

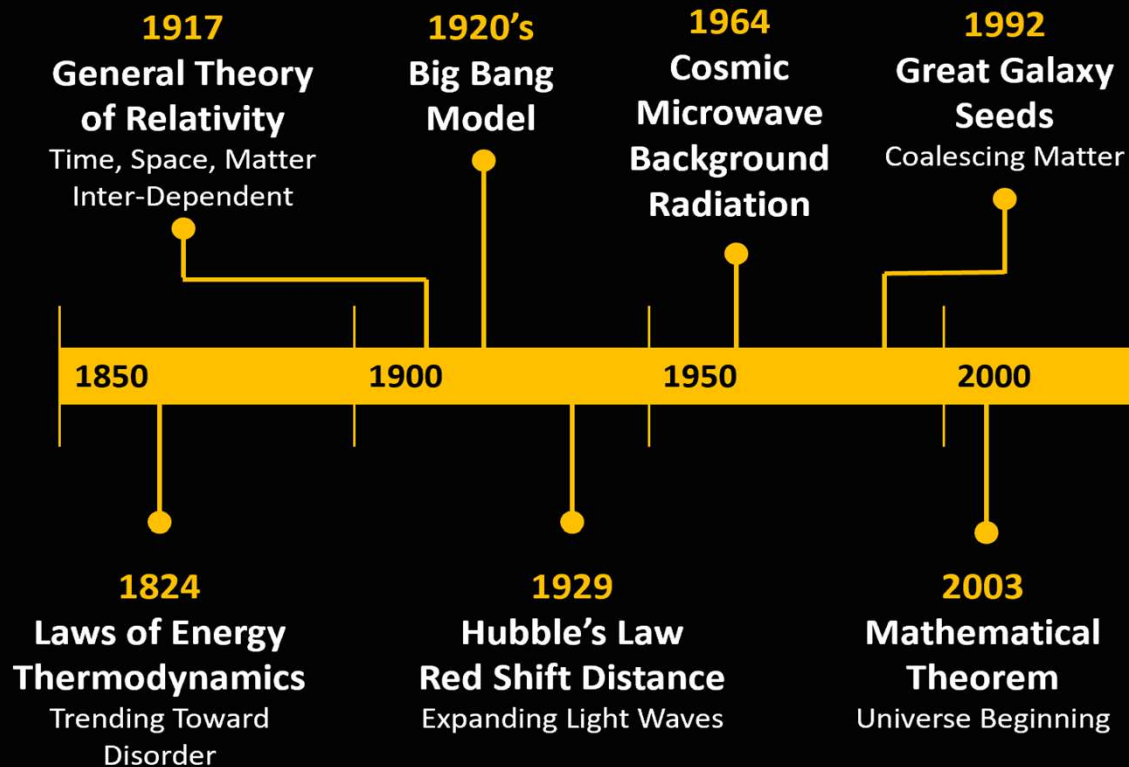
Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT)

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## Key Scientific Discoveries



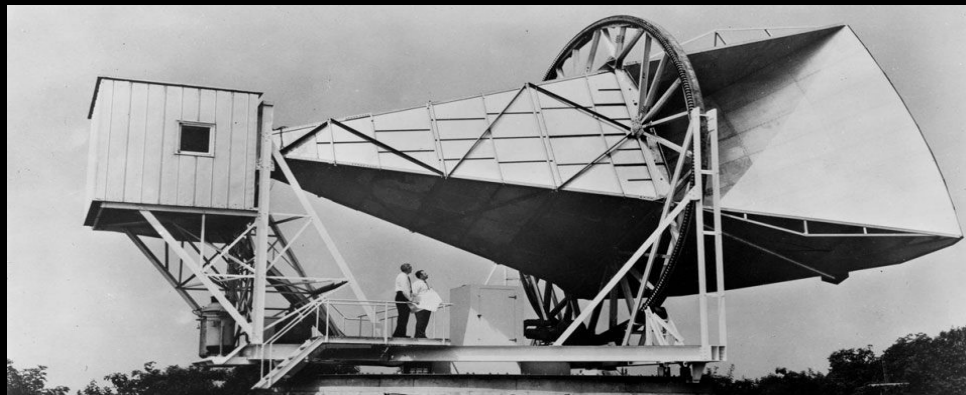


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## Universe Had a Beginning

(Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation)

**Afterglow** observed by Penzias and Wilson was both **light** and **heat** from the initial Big Bang explosion.





# How Do I Know God Exists?

## Universe Had a Beginning

(Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation)

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Psalm 19:3-4 (NLT)



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## Universe Had a Beginning (Einstein's Theory of General Relativity)



Time, Space, and Matter came into existence simultaneously with a Big Bang.

Time, Space, and Matter are inter-dependent or relative.



# How Do I Know God Exists?

## Universe Had a Beginning

(Einstein's Theory of General Relativity)

In the **beginning** God created the **heavens** and the **earth**. ... Then God said, "Let there be ..."

Genesis 1-3 (NLT)



# How Do I Know God Exists?

## Universe Had a Beginning

(Einstein's Theory of General Relativity)

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that **what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.**

Hebrews 11:3 (NLT)

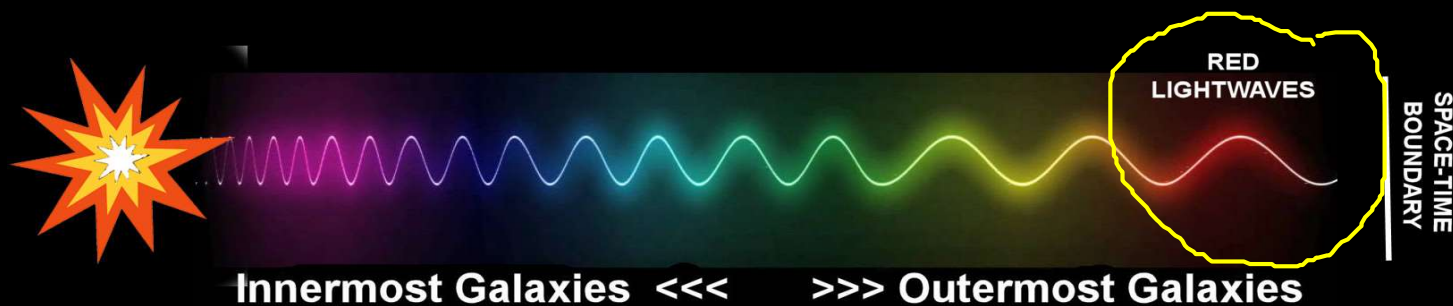


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Universe is Expanding  
(Hubble's Law – Red Shift Distance)

Light appears **redder** at outermost galaxies.

The further from the cosmic explosion ( $\leftarrow$ ),  
the more the light waves are stretched ( $\rightarrow$ ).



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## Universe is Expanding

(Hubble's Law – Red Shift Distance)

But the LORD made the earth by his power,  
and he preserves it by his wisdom. With his  
own understanding he  
**stretched out the heavens.**

Jeremiah 10:12 (NLT)



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Universe is Expanding  
(Hubble's Law – Red Shift Distance)

You **stretch out** the  
**starry curtain** of the **heavens**.

Psalm 104:2 (NLT)

God stretches the northern sky  
**over empty space.**

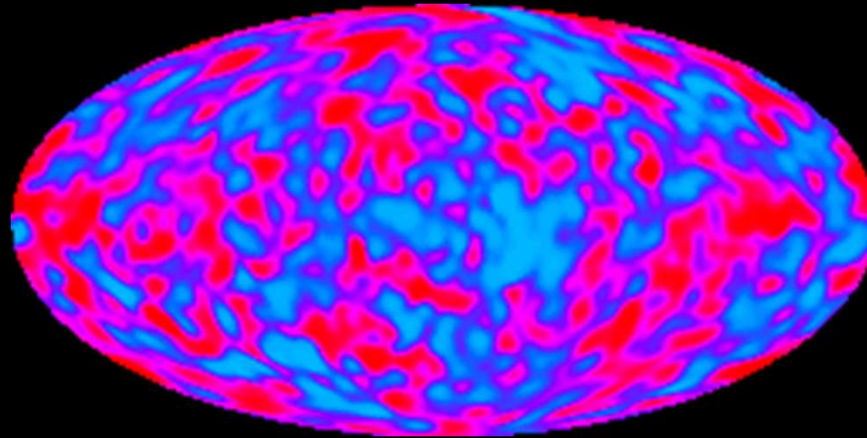
Job 26:7 (NLT)





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## Universe is Fine-Tuned (Great Galaxy Seeds)

This is what the LORD says: I would no more reject my people than I would change **my laws that govern night and day, earth and sky.**

Jeremiah 33:25 (NLT)



# How Do I Know God Exists?

Universe is Fine-Tuned

(Great Galaxy Seeds)

God spreads out the northern skies  
over empty space;  
he **suspends the earth over nothing.**

Job 26:7 (NIV)



# How Do I Know God Exists?

Key Scientific Discoveries  
(Conclusion)

Beyond a reasonable doubt,  
the **universe had a beginning!**



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## Reflection

Q1: What amazes you most about the way God created the universe?

Q2: How do you observe God in creation? What does creation tell you about God?

Q4: If the nature of God is abundantly obvious in creation, why don't all people believe in God? (Romans 1)

Q5: What was your biggest takeaway from today's teaching?

Q6: **What** do you believe to be true about God based today's teaching? **Why** do you believe it to be true?

