

The background is a painting of a landscape. A dirt path winds through a forest, leading towards a small stream that flows into the distance. Large, leafy trees line the path, and the scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

SHORT
ANSWERS
TO BIG
QUESTIONS
OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Big Questions

Week 1: How do I know God exists and created all things?

Week 2: Who is Jesus and why is He the only Way to God?

Week 3: How do I know the Bible is the inspired, trustworthy Word of God?

Week 4: How does man's free will and God's sovereignty coexist?

Week 5: If God is good, why is there sin and suffering in the world?

Week 6: What does God's Word say about current social issues?

Week 7: What does it look like for me to be salt and light in the world?

Week 8: How do I communicate the Gospel to people far from God?



Movement Statement of Faith

Christian & Missionary Alliance

Section 1.1. God

There is one God (Deut. 6:4),
Creator of all things (Rev. 4:11),
who is infinitely perfect (Matt. 5:48).

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Section 1

God as All-Powerful Creator

God as Intelligent Designer

God as Giver of Life

God as All-Powerful Creator

Universe Had a Beginning

“In the **beginning** (TIME)
God created the **heavens** (SPACE)
and the **earth.**” (MATTER)

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

God as All-Powerful Creator

Universe Had a Beginning

“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)

God as All-Powerful Creator

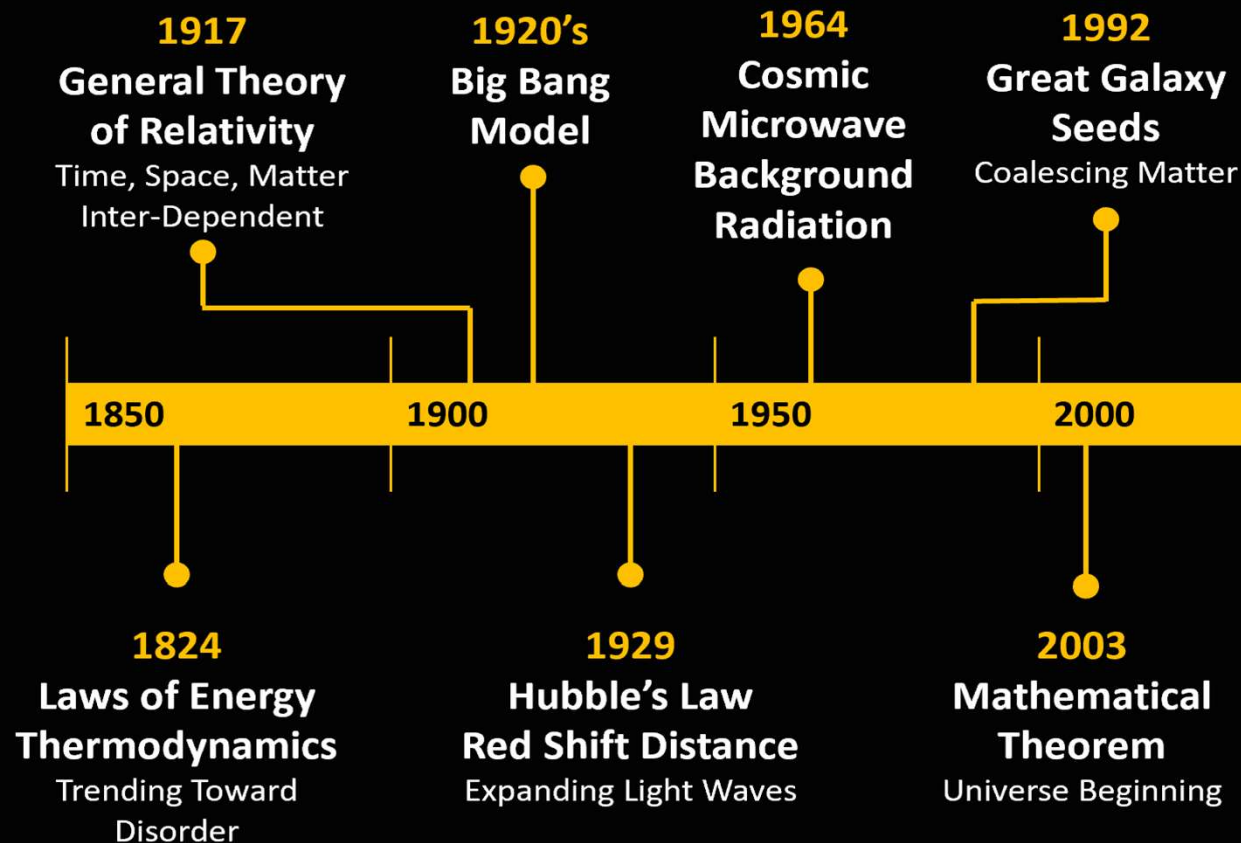
Universe Had a Beginning

“Abraham believed in the God
who brings the dead back to life
and who creates
new things out of nothing.”

Romans 4:17 (NLT)

God as All-Powerful Creator

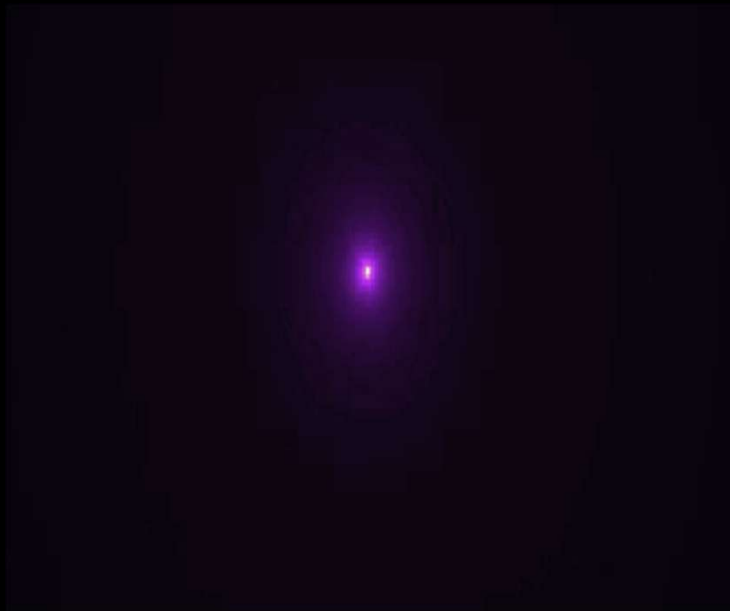
Key Scientific Discoveries



God as All-Powerful Creator

Universe Had a Beginning

(Einstein's General Theory of Relativity)



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

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

God as All-Powerful Creator

Fine Tuning of Universe

Approximately 322 physical laws and properties that are necessary to enable and sustain life on planet Earth

Random chance is 1 in 10^{282}

Hugh Ross, Reasons to Believe, 2004

God as All-Powerful Creator

1 in 10^{282}



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Hugh Ross, Reasons to Believe, 2004

God as Intelligent Designer

Big Question

Are we the **Intentional Act**
of Divine Intelligence?

OR

the product of a **Cosmic Accident**?

God as Intelligent Designer

Universe Exhibits Design

“The heavens
proclaim the glory of God.
The skies
display his craftsmanship.”

Psalm 19:1 (NLT)

God as Intelligent Designer

Universe Exhibits Design

(Foreknowledge & Design)



Mount Rushmore
By Chance or
Intentional Design?

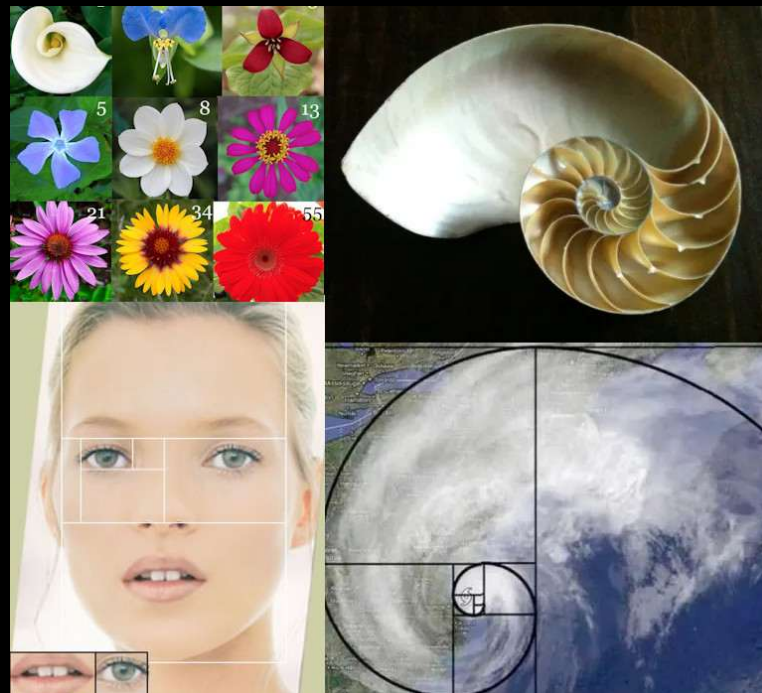
God as Intelligent Designer

Universal Design Patterns

(Fibonacci and the Golden Rule)

Fibonacci Sequence

0, 1, 1, 2,
3, 5, 8, 13,
21, 34, 55,
...



Fibonacci
Ratio of
Proportions
1.618
(Golden Rule)

God as Giver of Life

Creation of Human Life

(6th Day of Creation)

“Then God said, ‘Let us make **human beings**
in our image, to be like us.’
So God created **human beings**
in his own image.”

Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)

God as Giver of Life

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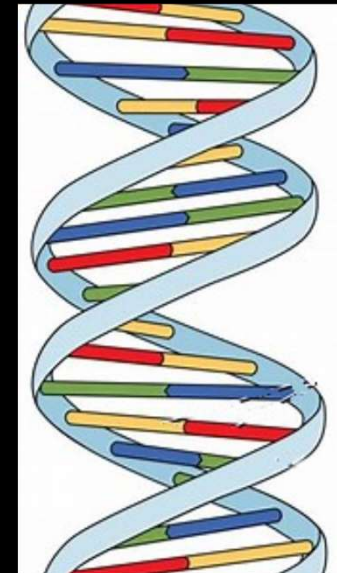
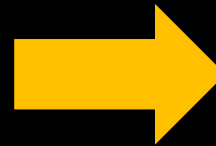
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**Fundamental
Building Blocks of Life**
118 Atomic Elements

DNA
Blueprints for Life
3.2B Nucleotide Pairs

God as Giver of Life

Unfathomable Complexity (Genetics & Epigenetics)



Human Genome
by chance or
by design?

God as Giver of Life

Blueprint for Life

“The chance that higher life forms might have emerged in this way [Darwinism] is comparable with the chance that a **tornado sweeping through a junk-yard** might assemble a **Boeing 747** from the materials therein.

... I am at a loss to understand biologists' widespread compulsion to deny **what seems to me to be obvious.**”



Random chance is **1 in $10^{40,000}$**

Sir Fred Hoyle, Oxford Astronomer 1981

Summary Points

God as **All-Powerful Creator**: A transcendent, all-powerful God created the universe from nothing.

God as **Intelligent Designer**: The universe and life are unmistakably marked by God's foreknowledge and design.

God as **Giver of Life**: Life's infinite complexity demonstrates that it could have only come about by an all-powerful God, not chance.

Our Speaking God

Section 2

The voice of God's Creation

The voice of our Moral Conscience

The voice of God the Holy Spirit

The Voice of God's Creation

Creation of the Universe

(Biblical Claim)

Creation Testifies to God's
Eternal Power &
Divine Nature

The Voice of God's Creation

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

Psalms 19:1-4 (NLT)



Voice of God's Creation

Creation Speaks

“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)

Voice of our Moral Conscience

Made in God's Moral Image
(Biblical Claim)

We have a capacity to know God
because we are created in His image
with a moral conscience.

Voice of our Moral Conscience

Moral Conscience

“God created human beings in **his own image**.
In the **image of God** he created them;
male and female he created them.”

Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

Voice of Our Moral Conscience

Moral Conscience

(Made in God's Image)

- We have inherent dignity and worth.
- We have a built-in moral conscience, an intrinsic knowledge of right and wrong. It is evidence of a higher authority for truth and morality.

Voice of Our Moral Conscience

Moral Conscience

“They demonstrate that **God’s law is written in their hearts**, for their own **conscience** and **thoughts** either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.”

Romans 2:15 (NLT)

Voice of Our Moral Conscience

Moral Conscience

(Moral Imprint)

- All humans have an internal “code” of objective right and wrong. Romans 2:15
- Objective morals and values are different from social mores, preferences and traditions.
- Absolute moral values are not invented by humans. They are grounded in the very nature of God.
- Apart from God, there can be no objective moral standards.

Voice of God the Holy Spirit

Confirmation of the Holy Spirit
(Biblical Claim)

God the Holy Spirit
affirms His Truth in our spirit

Voice of God the Holy Spirit

Confirmation of the Holy Spirit

“I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth.
He will come to you from the Father and will
testify all about me.”

John 15:16 (NLT)

“And the Spirit, who is truth,
confirms it with his testimony.”

1 John 5:6 (NLT)

Voice of God the Holy Spirit

Confirmation of the Holy Spirit

“The Spirit himself **bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God.”

Romans 8:16 (ESV)

“God has given us his Spirit **as proof** that we live in him and he in us.”

1 John 4:13 (NLT)

“I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep and **my sheep know me.**”

John 10:14 (NIV)

Summary Points

Voice of **God's Creation**: Every human being has the ability to recognize that God exists.

Voice of Our **Moral Conscience**: All human beings have an internal sense of right and wrong.

Voice of **God the Holy Spirit**: He affirms and confirms the truth that God exists.

A painting of a winding path through a forest. The path is a light brown color, curving from the bottom left towards the right. On the left side of the path, there are large, dark trees with thick trunks. The foliage is dense and dark green. On the right side, the path is bordered by a low, light-colored stone wall. In the background, a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, is visible through the trees, creating a strong glow and long shadows. The overall style is impressionistic, with visible brushstrokes and a focus on light and color.

Next Week:

Who is Jesus?

Why is He the Only Way to God?

A painting of a forest path. A dirt path winds through a lush green landscape. On the left, a large, dark tree trunk stands prominently. In the center, a smaller tree with dark branches and green leaves is visible. To the right, a small stream flows through the forest. The background is filled with more trees and foliage, creating a dense forest scene. The overall style is impressionistic, with visible brushstrokes and a focus on light and color.

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