Week 2: Existence of God

God as All-Powerful, Transcendent Creator

6-Week Outline

Week 1 – Truth of God
  God as Giver of Absolute Truth

➡ Week 2 – Existence of God
  God as All-Powerful, Transcendent Creator

Week 3 – Creation of God
  God as Intelligent Designer & Giver of Life

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  God as Divine Revealer

Week 5 – Divinity of Jesus
  Jesus as God Incarnate

Week 6 – Resurrection of Jesus
  Jesus as Victorious Savior

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KAMAL Cosmological Argument
(Rational Thought)

3 PREMISES

(P1) Universe had a beginning.

(P2) Something that begins to exist has a cause.

(P3) Something cannot come from nothing.

CONCLUSION

Universe was created by a
Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause
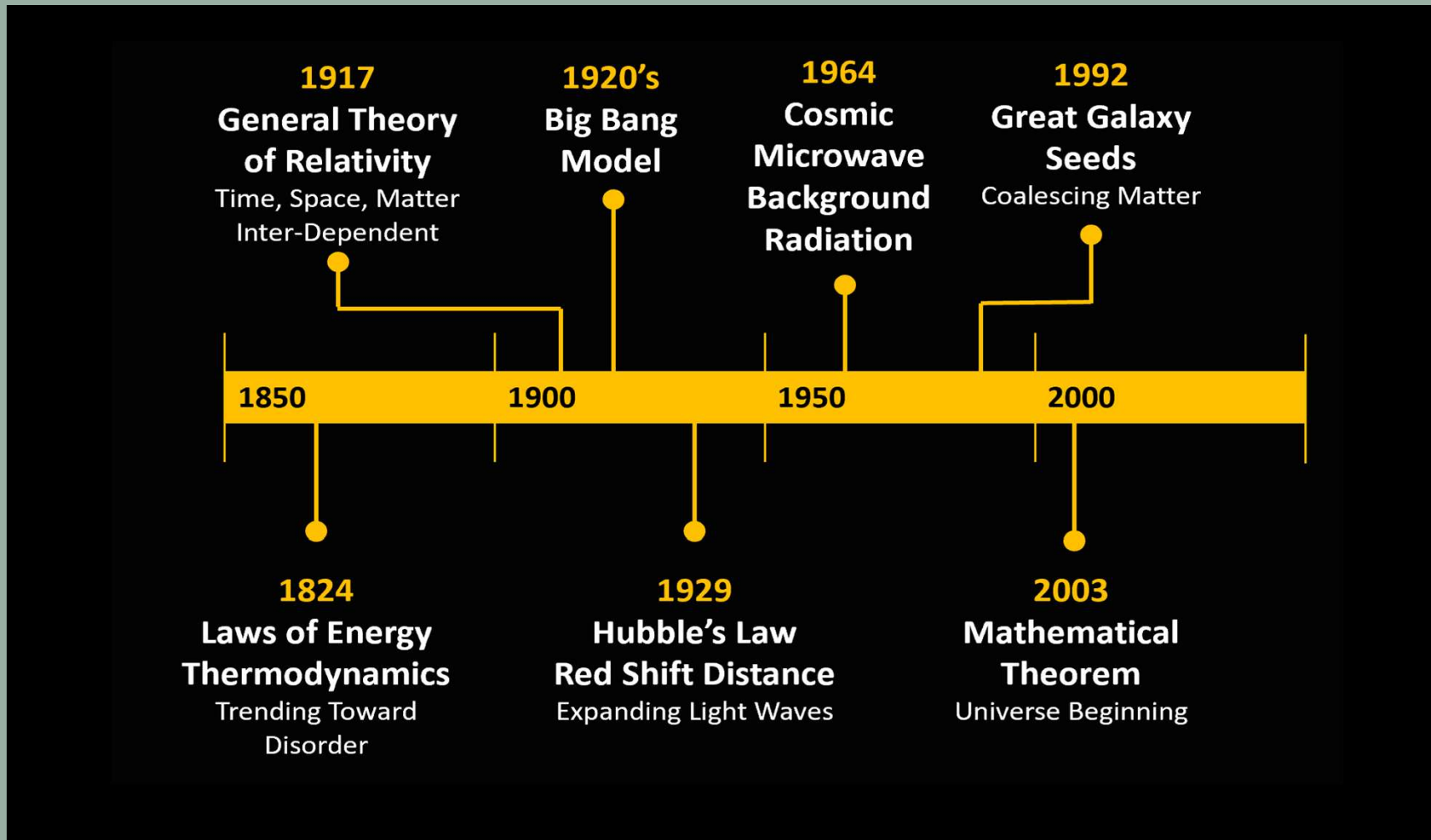
(Genesis 1:1)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Empirical Observation)

"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)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Key Scientific Discoveries)

1917
General Theory of Relativity
Time, Space, Matter Inter-Dependent

1920's
Big Bang Model

1964
Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation

1992
Great Galaxy Seeds
Coalescing Matter

1850 — 1900 — 1950 — 2000

1824
Laws of Energy Thermodynamics
Trending Toward Disorder

1929
Hubble's Law Red Shift Distance
Expanding Light Waves

2003
Mathematical Theorem
Universe Beginning

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(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Beginning of the Universe)

"In the beginning (TIME)
God created the heavens (SPACE)
and the earth." (MATTER)

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation)

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
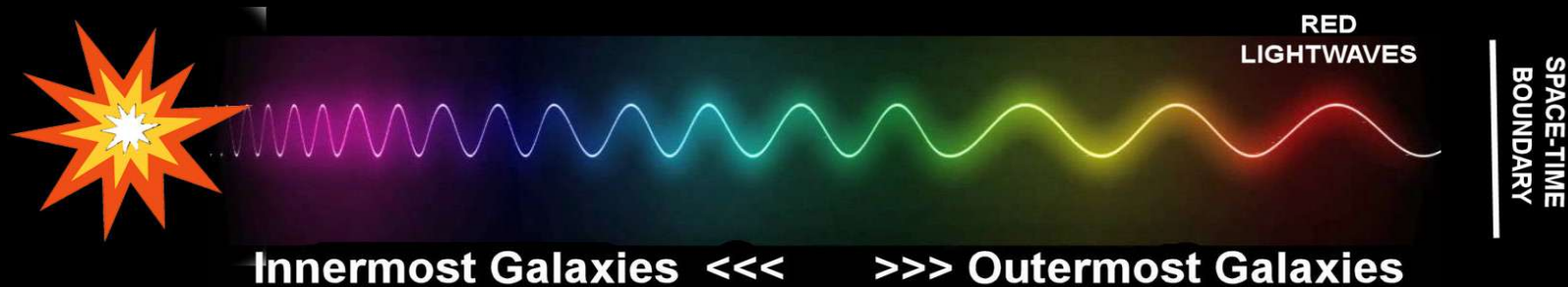earth, and their words to all the world."

Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Expansion of the Universe - Hubble's Law)

Light appears **redder** at outermost galaxies.

The further from the cosmic explosion (←),
the more the light waves are stretched (→).

RED
LIGHTWAVES

SPACE-TIME
BOUNDARY

Innermost Galaxies <<<   >>> Outermost Galaxies

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Expansion of the Universe - Stretching)

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)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Fine-Tuning of the Universe – Physical Laws)

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)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Fine-Tuning of the Universe – Gravitational Forces)

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

Job 26:7 (NIV)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Probability of Life on Earth by Chance)

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

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Probability of Life on Earth by Chance)

1 in 10^{282}

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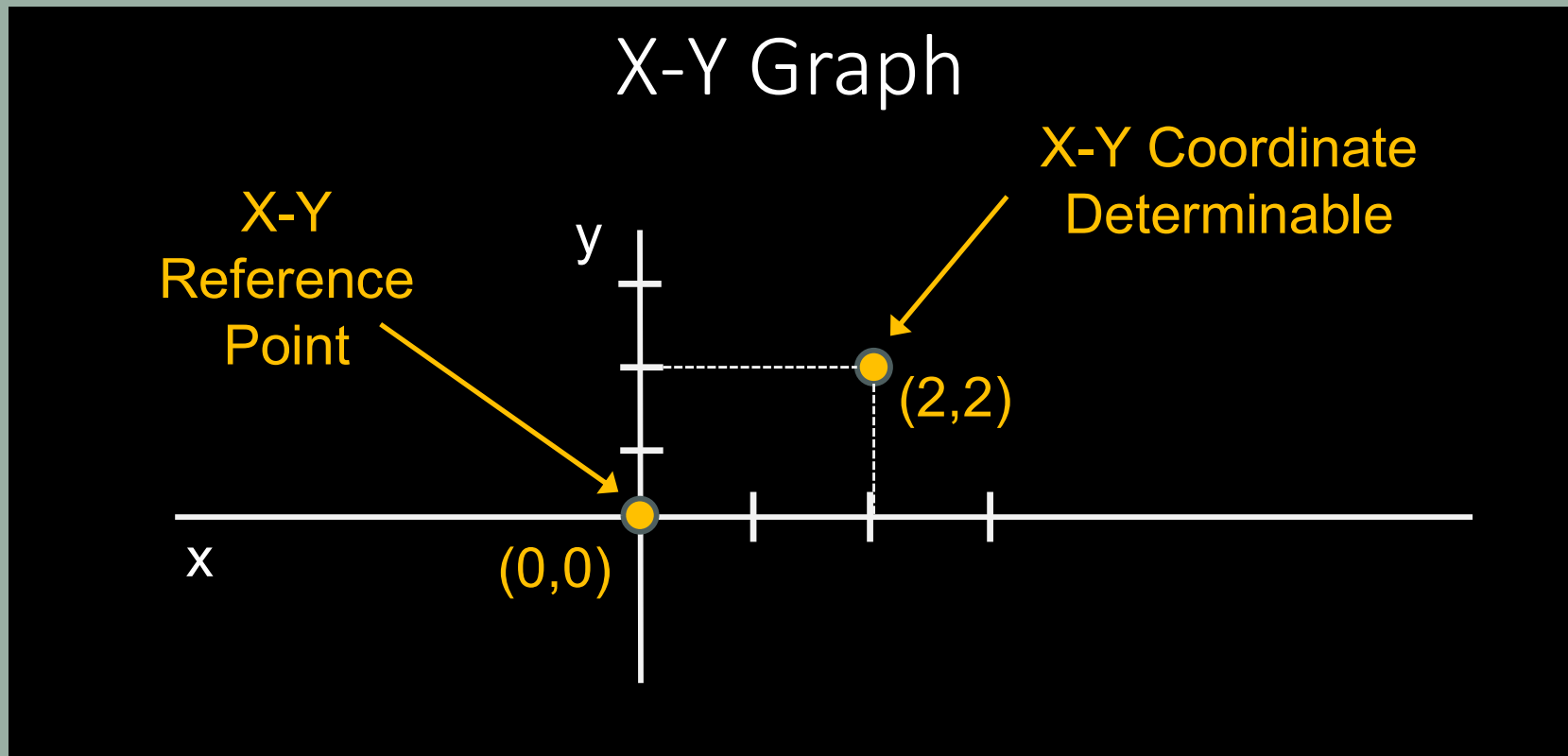0,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,00
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(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Implausibility of Infinite Past)

X-Y Graph

X-Y Coordinate Determinable

X-Y Reference Point

y

x

(0,0)

(2,2)

(P1) Universe Had a Beginning
(Implausibility of Infinite Past)

X-Y Graph

X-Y Reference Point Removed

X-Y Coordinate
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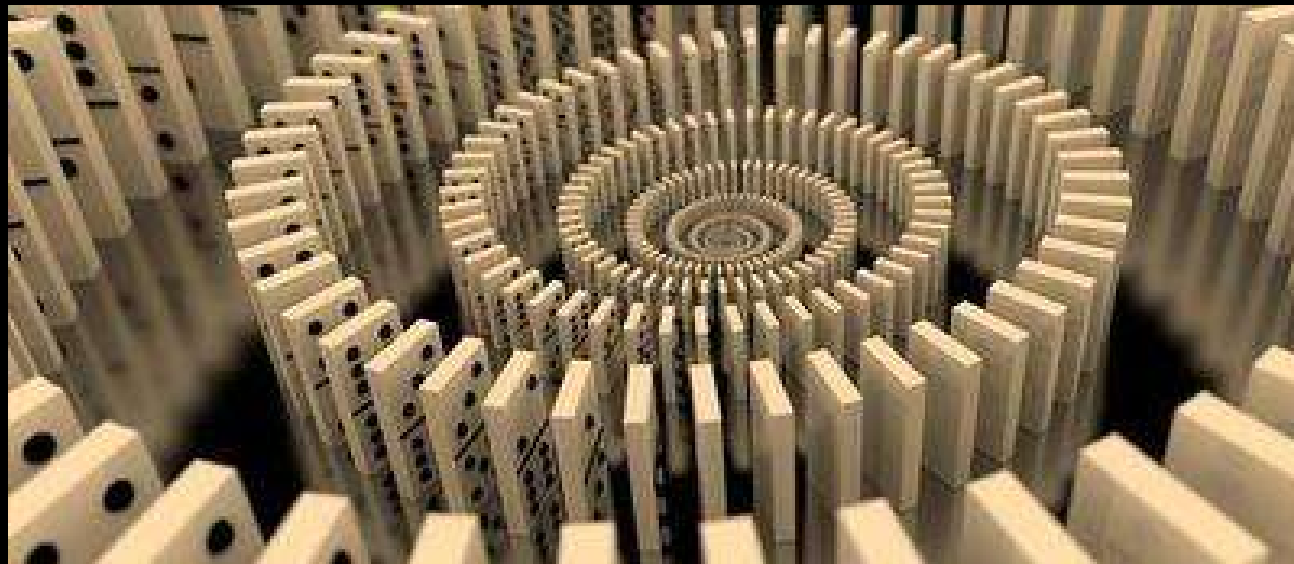
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(P2) Universe Had a Cause
(Law of Causality)

Unbroken Chain Reaction from Origin

(P2) Universe Came from Something
(Law of Non-Contradiction)

Nothing cannot transition into **something** because **nothing** is **non-existent** and is therefore **devoid** of any **formative power** to create itself.

(C) Universe Created by God
(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

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)

Universe Created by God
(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

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

Romans 4:17 (NLT)

Universe Created by God
(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

"The beginning seems to present insuperable difficulties unless we agree to look on it as frankly supernatural".

Arthur Eddington 1933

Universe Created by God
(Transcendent, All-Powerful, First-Cause)

"That there are what I or anyone would call supernatural forces at work is now, I think, a scientifically proven fact."

Robert Jastrow 1982

Apologetics Methodology

METHOD 1

The Bible and science describe the same reality based on modern evidence.

They are in harmony.

METHOD 2

Since the Biblical truth claims are true for things seen, the whole of God's Word is true for all things unseen!