

**Our Relationship with God
in 2018:
Estranged or Intimate?**

God's Omniscience Revealed

“Jesus saw Nathaniel coming toward Him . . . said of him ‘Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!’ [says what is on his mind!] Nathaniel said to Him, ‘How do you know me?’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Before Phillip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.’ ” (John 1:47–48)

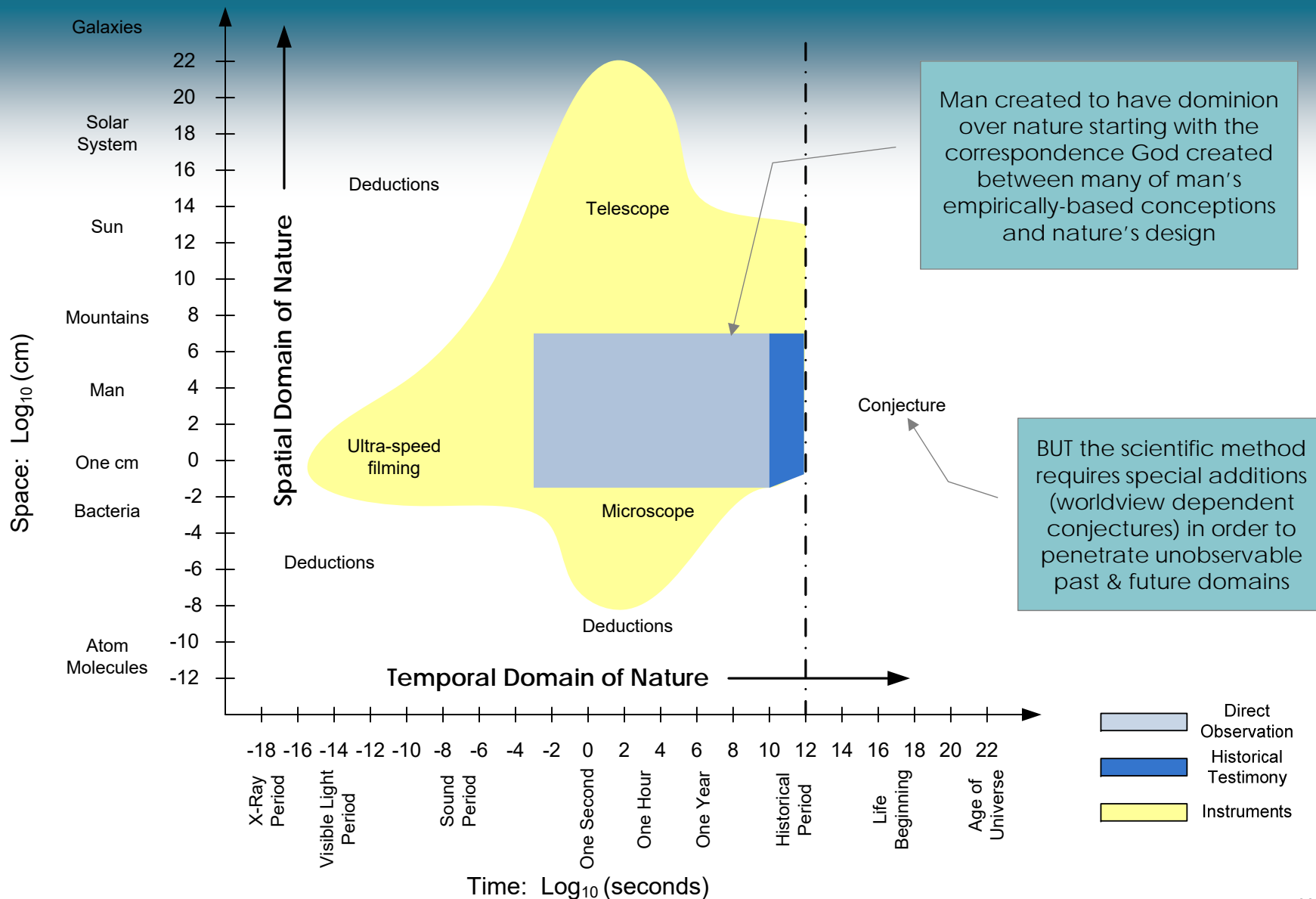
“You know my sitting down and my rising up. You understand my thoughts. . . . You formed my inward parts. . . . When I was made in secret . . . your eyes saw my substance being yet unformed. And in Your book they were all written, the days fashioned for me when as yet there were none of them.” (Ps 139:2, 13–16)

God Knows All That is & All the “What Ifs”

“Present your case, says the LORD . . . Show the former things, what they were . . . and know the latter end of them. . . . show the things that are to come that we may know you are gods. . . .” (Isa 41:21–23)

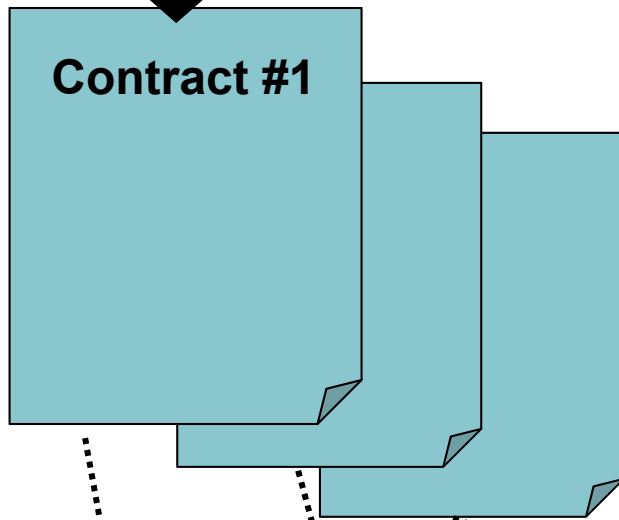
“Woe to you, Chorazin! . . . Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes . . . it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than you.” (Matt 11:21–22)

Limits of Empirical Knowledge



The Only Source of a Justifiable Plan of Historical Progression: The Bible!

**CREATOR &
REDEEMER**



“Only the Hebrews, so far as we know, made covenants with their gods or God.”

~W.F. Albright, Yahweh and the Gods of Canaan.



Consistent contract stipulations throughout time

God's Immutability – Source of His Faithfulness

“Nevertheless My lovingkindnesses I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail. My contract I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of my lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness, I will not lie to David.” (Ps 89:33–35)