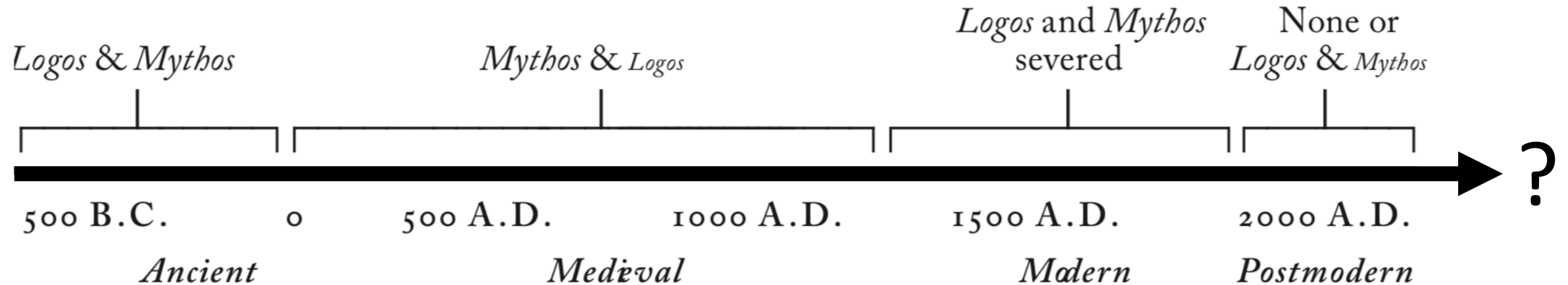


Session 5: The Future Landscape

Transhumanism and the Future of Science & Christianity



Session 1: Our Historical Landscape: What is Truth?

Session 2: Creation

Session 3: Evolution: Hindrance or Help?

Session 4: Creation care: Redemption of the Land

Session 5: The Future Landscape: Redeeming Truth

Transhumanism/Posthumanism

- Merging of humans and technology, creating a new species

Humans & Technology

- Technological advances
- Humans: an exception to natural selection via technology



“The Singularity”



(7-minute detailed explanation)



(1-minute summary)

“Computers make excellent and efficient servants, but I have no wish to serve under them.”

Mr. Spock, Star Trek Episode The Ultimate Computer

“Despite all the talk of radical Islam and Christian fundamentalism, the most interesting place in the world from a religious perspective is not the Islamic State or the Bible Belt, but Silicon Valley. That’s where hi-tech gurus are brewing for us brave new religions that have little to do with God, and everything to do with technology. They promise all the old prizes – happiness, peace, prosperity and even eternal life—but here on earth with the help of technology, rather than after death with the help of celestial beings.”

Yuval Harari

Insight from Scriptures

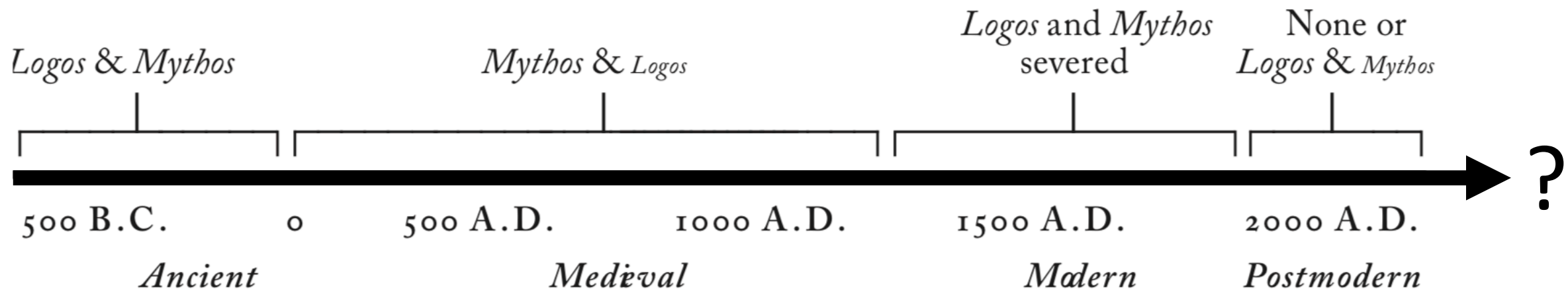
- 1 Corinthians 6:12
- 1 Corinthians 15: 35-58

Teilhard de Chardin



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre_Teilhard_de_Chardin

- Omega point
- Could transhumanism promote the unification of Christians with Christ?
- Alternatively, will transhumanism diminish or eliminate our humanity, reducing us to datum without love?



Questions for Discussion

1. After considering the potential reality of transhumanism in the near future, do you reject or cautiously embrace the singularity? Explain.
2. Even those that support transhumanism believe we should proceed with caution. If you do believe in cautious embracing, what are some examples of implications that should be avoided? In other words, where should we be most cautious?
3. 1 Corinthians 13: 8-13 could be used either to support or resist transhumanism. For instance, transhumanism can be viewed as the culmination of perfection allowing “seeing face to face,” or it can be viewed as removing love. Discuss which of the following interpretations you support.
4. What are your views on the future interaction of science and Christianity?