

The Theory of Everything public lecture:

QUANTUM COSMOLOGY AND THE ARROW OF TIME



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CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Classical cosmology describes very well our Universe starting from the first moments after the Big Bang.
- ▶ Quantum cosmology is an attempt to understand what had happened at (or before) the Big Bang.
- ▶ Perhaps, the most surprising prediction of quantum cosmology is that the entire universe is timeless.
- ▶ In order to solve the timelessness problem of quantum cosmology we must better understand observers
 - ▶ in quantum cosmology for any given observer of mass M the rest of the universe of mass $-M$ might still evolve.
 - ▶ In quantum mechanics nothing happens (evolution is deterministic) until observations are made by observers.
 - ▶ In thermodynamics entropy (of all systems without observers) grows suggesting thermodynamic arrow of time.
- ▶ Next lecture we will study the role of observers and observations in context of the so-called Multiverse theories