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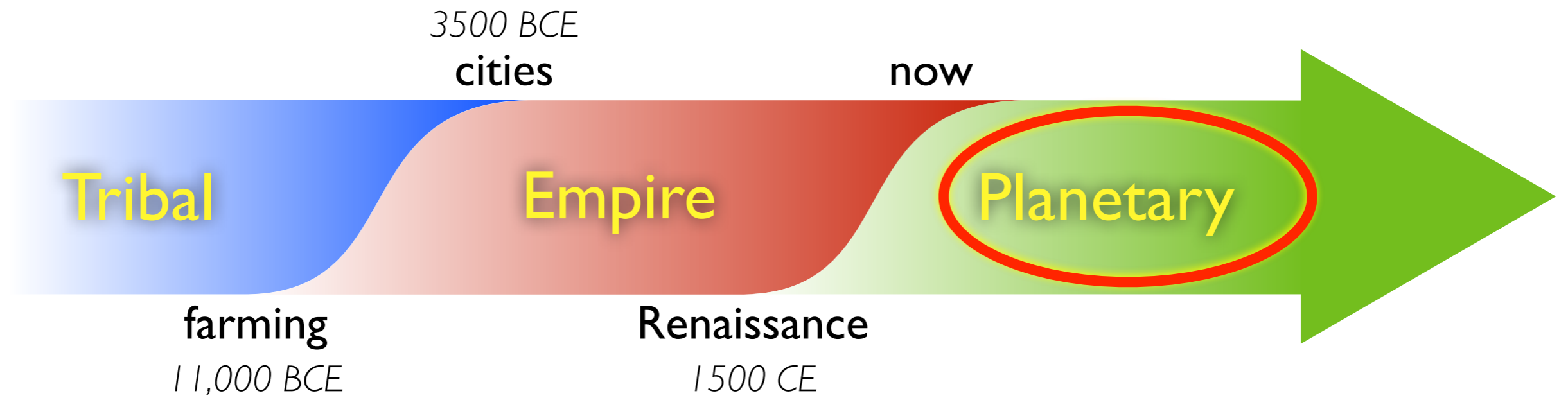
# Consciousness & Communications

Empire	Planetary
Linguistic	Linguistic, visual, kinesthetic, etc
Categorical, polarized	Pie charts, gradients, continuous variation
Linear, hierarchical	Multi-dimensional
View life as a power struggle	View life as discoveries to make, puzzles to solve, mysteries to live
Moralistic, absolute, redress-oriented	Systemic, contextual, healing-oriented

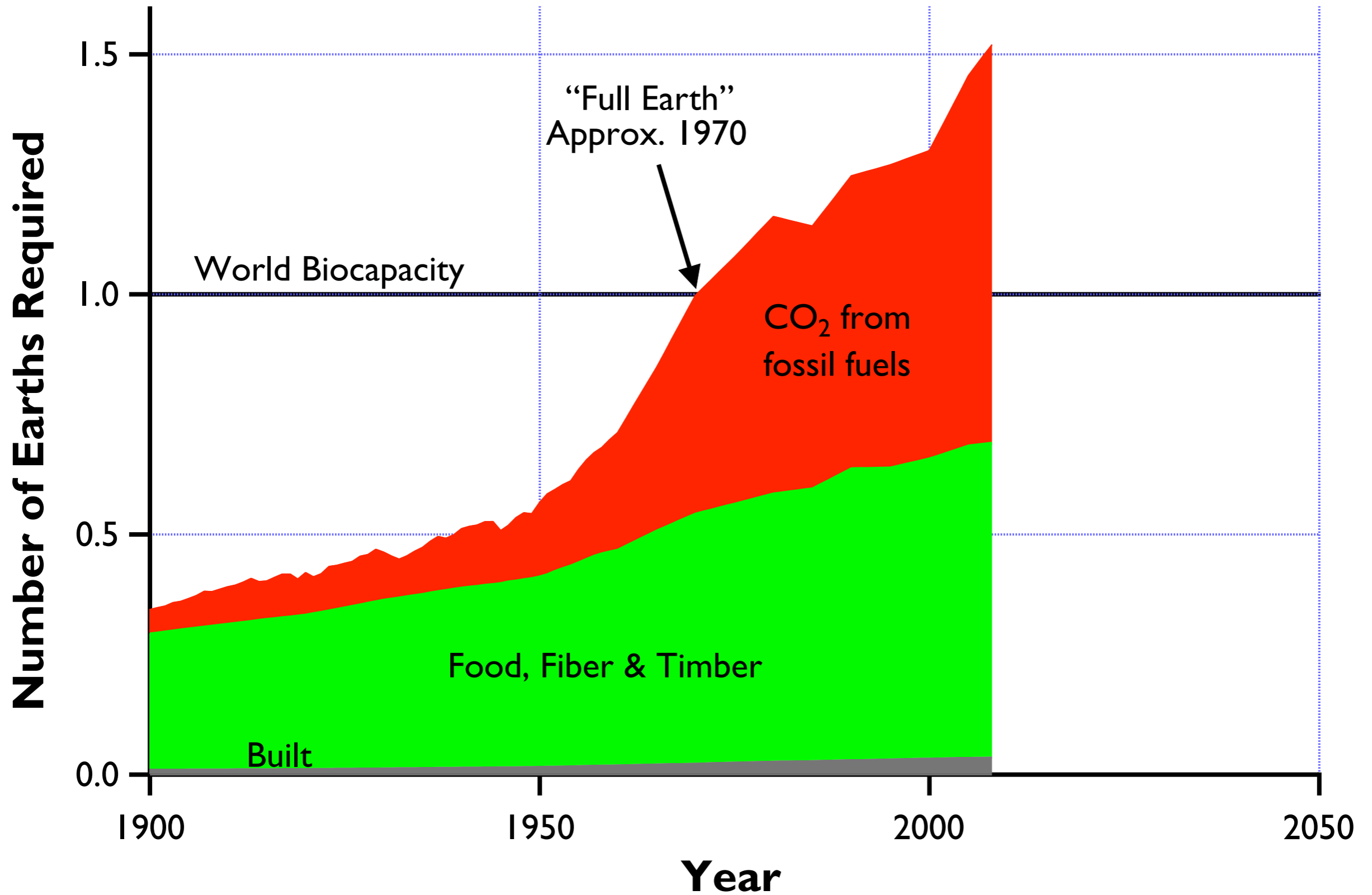
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- There will be surprises
- Nevertheless, with our systems perspective, the big picture is potentially discernible

# The Planetary Era



# Limits-To-Growth Challenge



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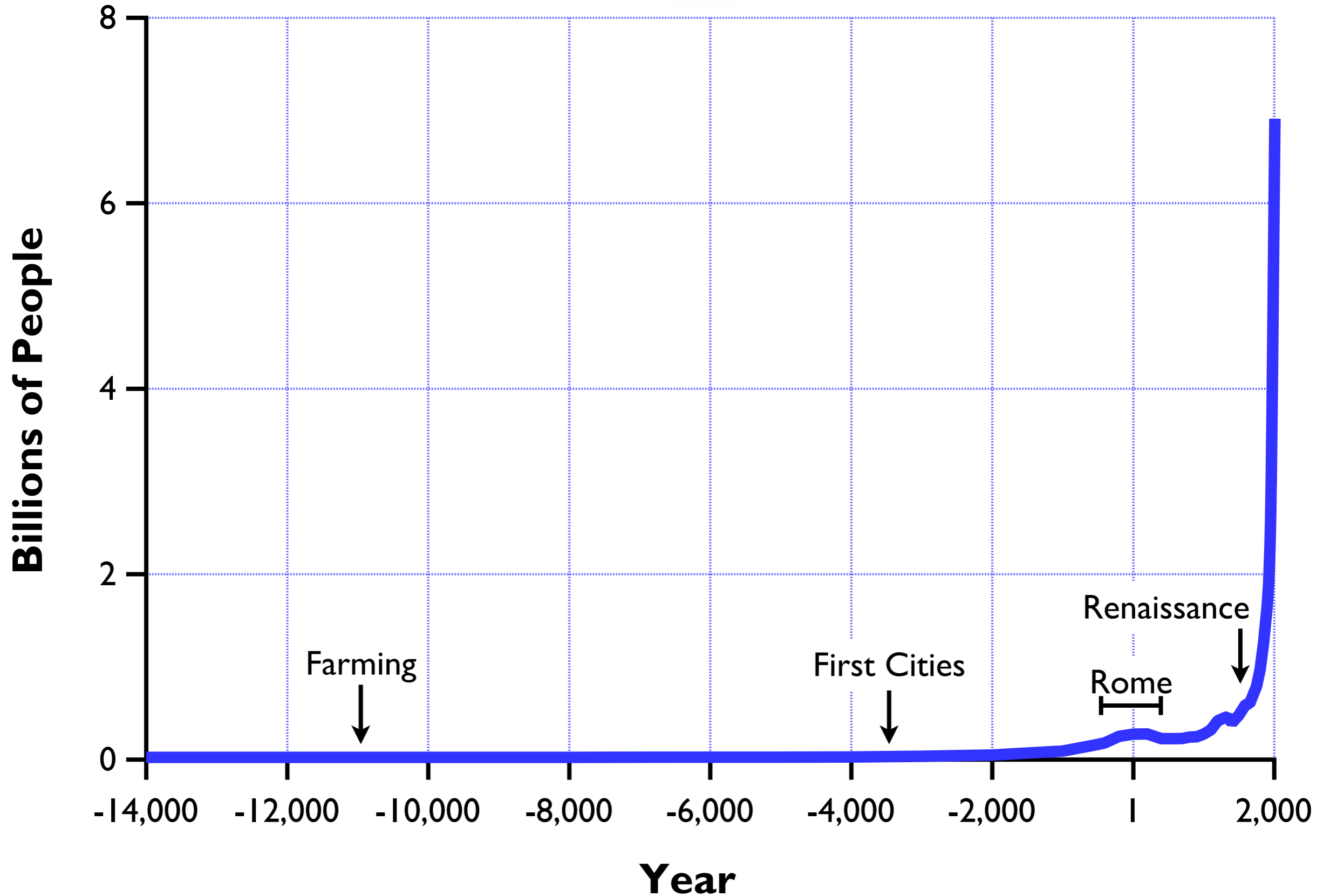
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# World Population



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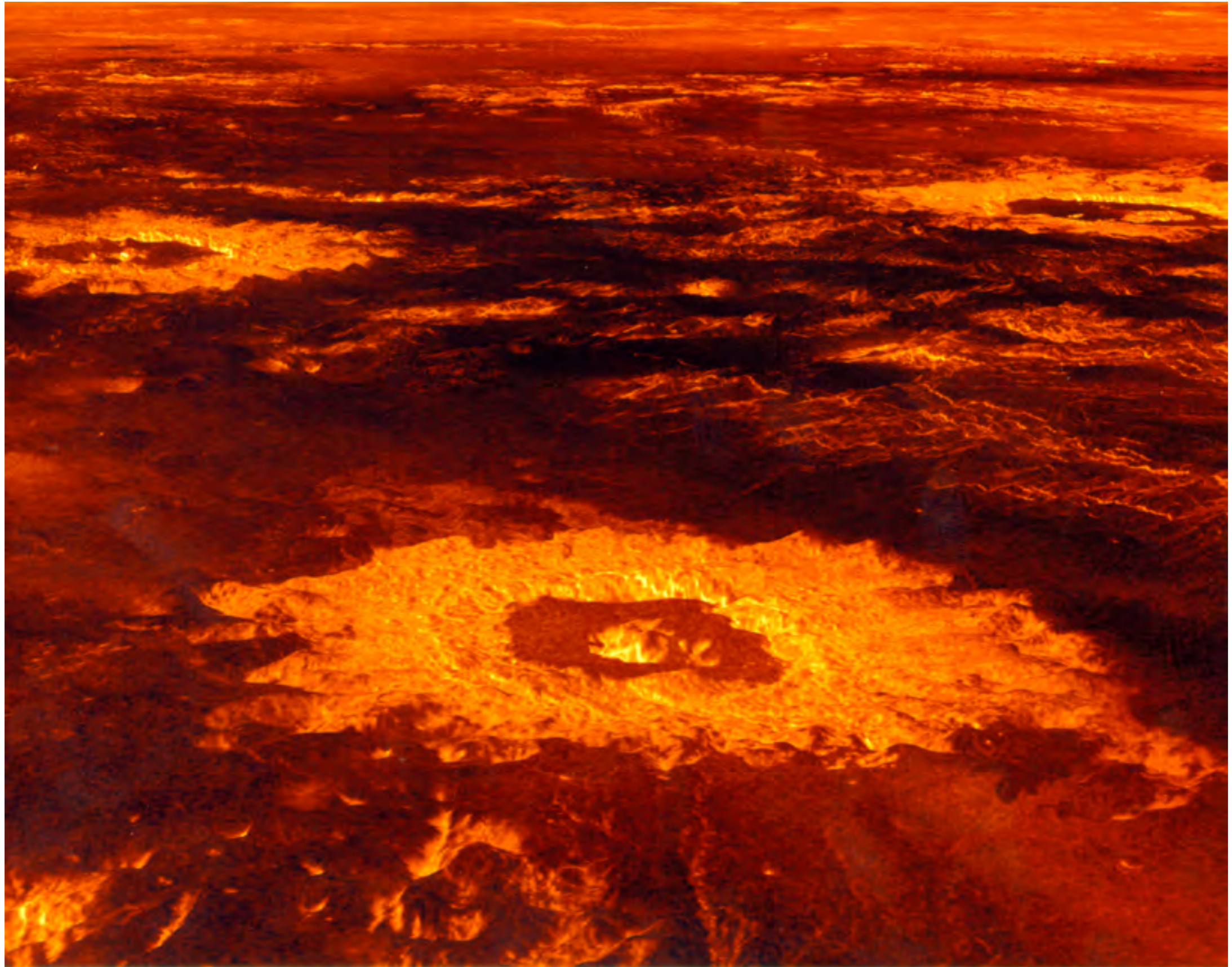
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# Surface Of Venus



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# Small World Meets Full Earth

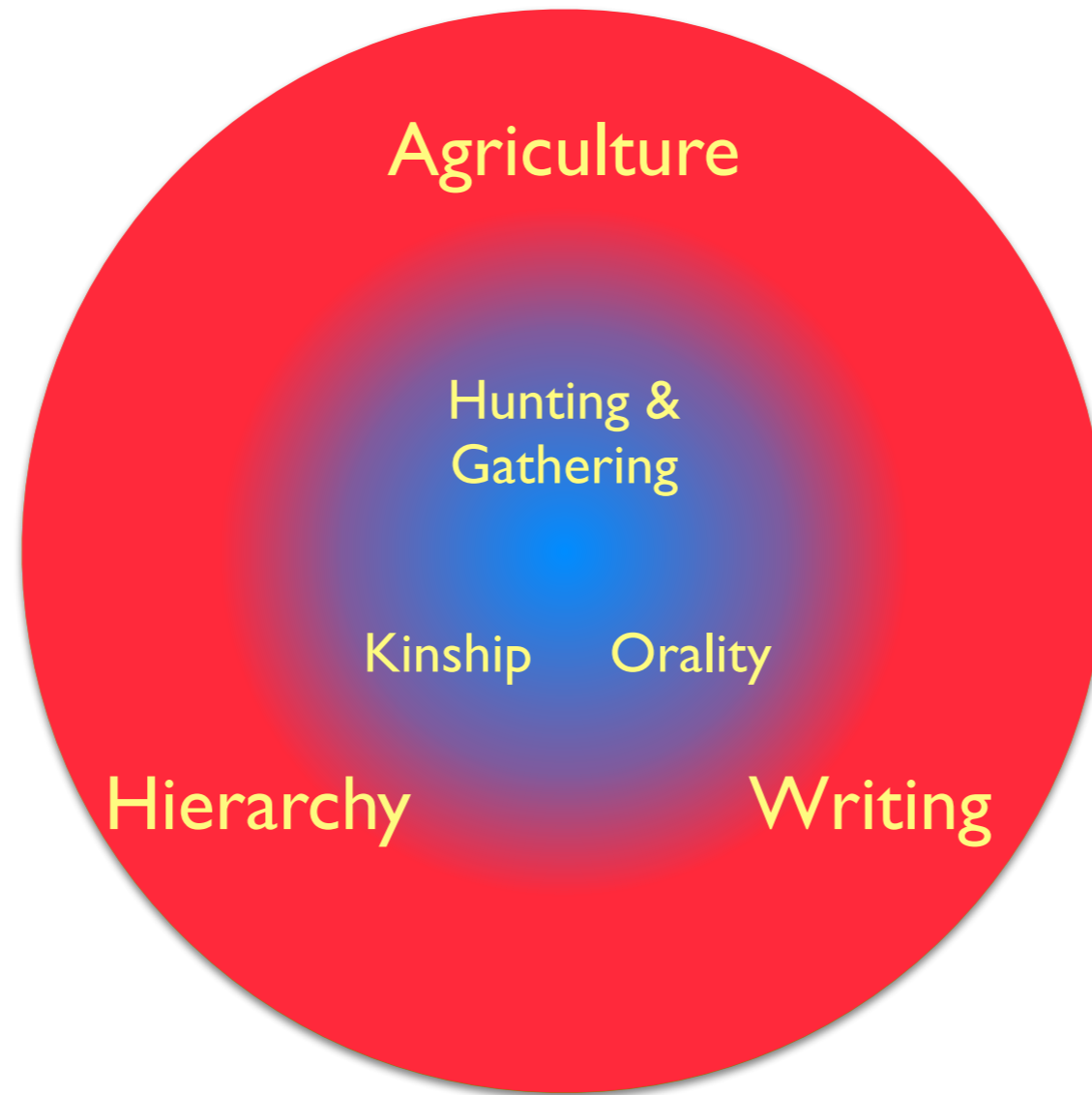
How will the limits-to-growth challenge impact the Planetary Era qualities?

- Likely to spur yet more innovation
- Successful innovations will use succession species strategies
- Communications will be prioritized
- Sustainability needs to be added as the fourth domain-defining quality

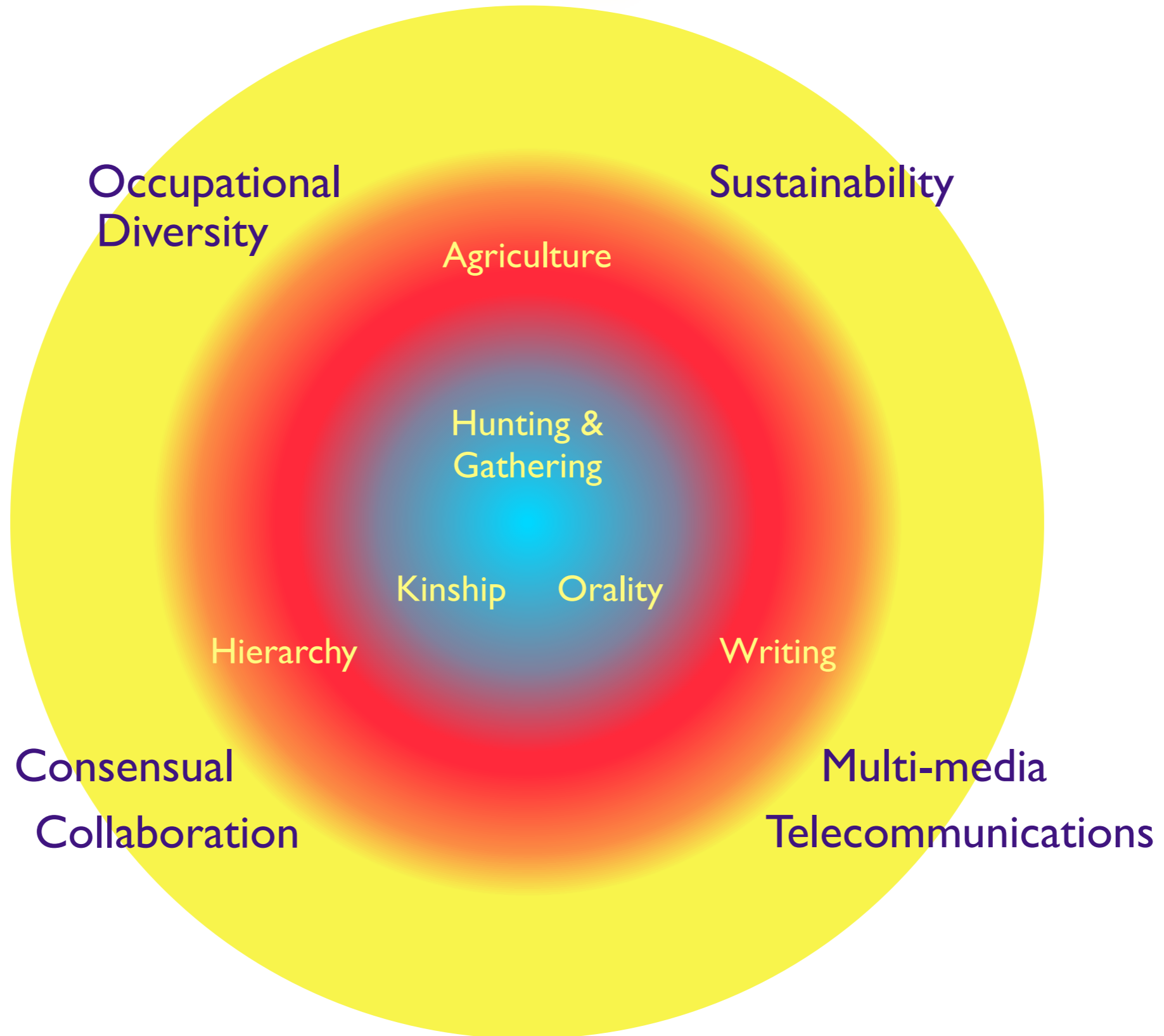
# Likely Changes To Come

- Every facet of culture will be affected
- Many of these changes will be resisted
- Agriculture, hierarchies and literacy won't go away

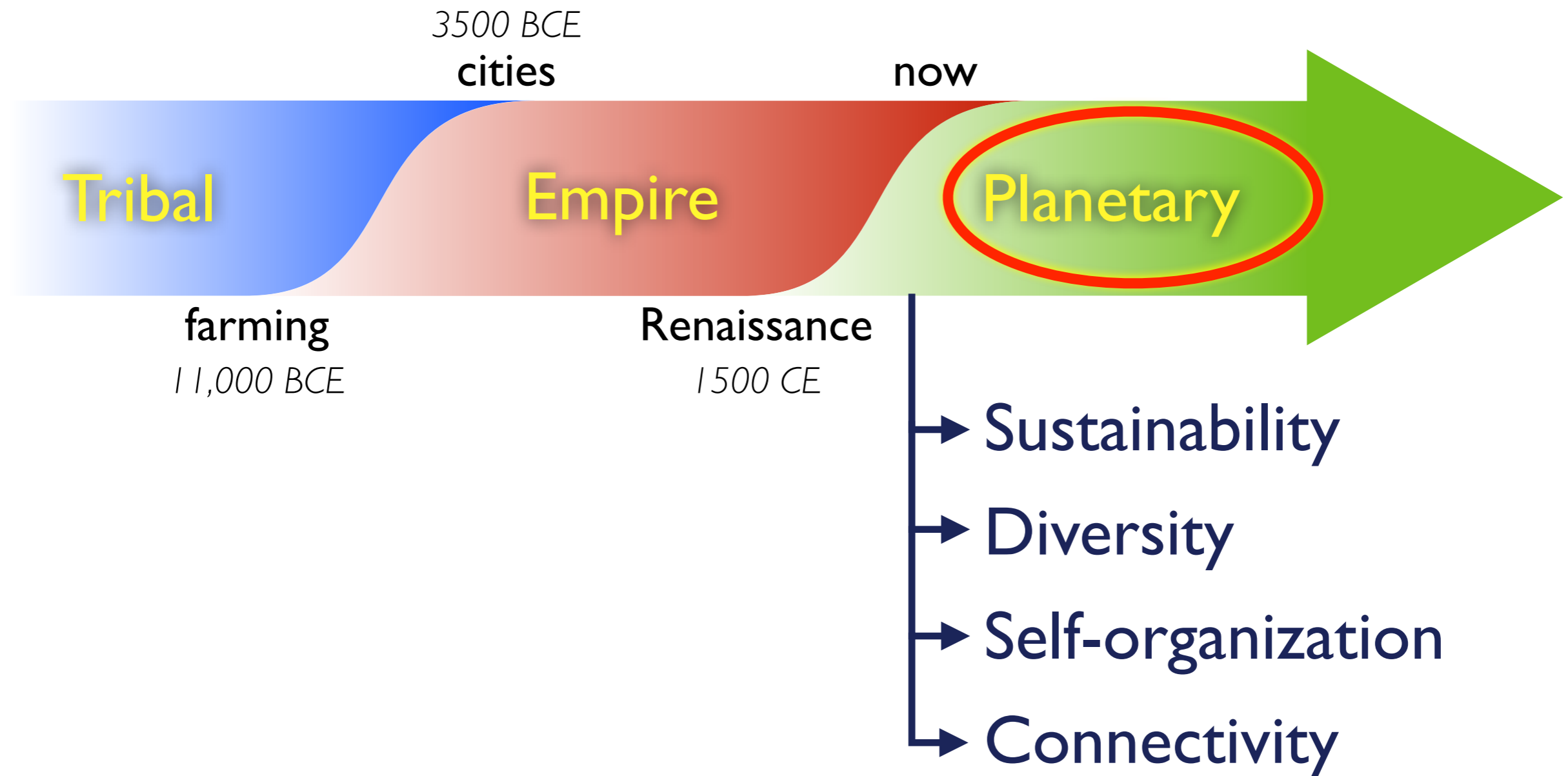
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